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Description

This folder contains letters from Mary Valinda Miller (1830-1912) to her daughter, Mina Miller Edison. The 204 selected items cover the years 1884-1898. Many of the letters are addressed jointly to Mina and Thomas Edison. Also included is a letter from Mina Edison to her mother, written in August 1889 while she and Thomas were attending the Paris Universal Exposition, expressing her frustration that "it seems impossible to go anywhere with Mr. Edison. We never get out as somebody is after him all the time." The letter also contains numerous references to Madeleine Edison, born fifteen months earlier, who was staying with the Miller family in Akron while the Edisons were in Europe. Four additional letters written by Mina Edison during her European tour can be found in the Charles Edison Fund Collection. Additional letters by Mary V. Miller can also be found in the Charles Edison Fund Collection and in the David E. E. Sloane Collection.

71 letters covering the years 1882-1887 and 1889 were added to this folder in December 2011.

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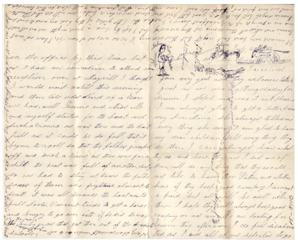

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[FI001A1], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 20th, 1881

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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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My Dear Mina and Mamie

I received your very good and very welcome letter just as we were a getting ready for dinner I stoped and read it with pleasure I am always glad to get a letter from my Dear Mina She always telles me every thing she does I am glad to have my dear children tell every thing they do then I can always know what they do and how they are I not one of them will do any thing that they would not like to have thire Father and Mother know if they keep good company I am not a fraid but all will be well with them I hope they will always keep good company or not any We are looking for Jennie this afternoon I do feel disapointed as I and all of us expected to go

Mina you must write to Mamie and Just make fun

in the office by this time but as I had an invitation to attend an reception over at Maysvill I thought I would wait untill this morning and then tell what kind of a time we had. well Jennie and Miss Mc and myself started for the boat and such a crowed as was there and the boat full as it could be so full that it begun to rool so that the folkes jumped off and such a time as there was for a while the boat was full of another party so we had to stay at home the folks some of them were frightend almost to death it was all because the boat was so full Docter Vincent tride to get a horse and buggy to go over with if he did he was ~~the~~ or they were the only ones that got there out of the ~~a~~ whole schools;

It rained very hard last night but this morning it is as nice as it can be, I have not meet Jennie and Miss Mc this moring as they are not up but I hope they had a good night we are all well and are a going to up to breakfast soon; I asked the little giles if they had any word to send you Mamie sayes tell her to be a good little girl and send me or her a kiss; you will see Mrs Thurston want you and find out, ~~[illegible]~~ she will come with you, Well dear Mina I will close for this time hoping you are well and happy please give my love to Ida Ira Eddie and Nell al avg Share yourself remember ~~me~~ to all my inquiring friends

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2. Hellen I dont know how to — spell — — — her name.
+ kiss to you dear Mina. Mamie

Mamie want some wringing water to the Bath and the will get letter to Mamie

and meet her we had got so near ready that we had our lunch ready and word come we could not go as there was no coal I did feel so sorry for dear Jennie to Twin says he will have coal by the next Wensday so we will all be at lake wood to meet dear Mina and Hellen and I thought Mrs Knolton was a comming with you to pa said so I wish you would see her and tell her I am looking for her with you if she doesnot come with you tell her to be sure and come with pa for I want her to come if she only stays a few days I am glad dear Eddie is coming with you and there is some others that will be glad to, I am so glad you are having such nice times at Mrs Stores please give them my love & and kind regardes I mean all of them I hope you and Hellen will

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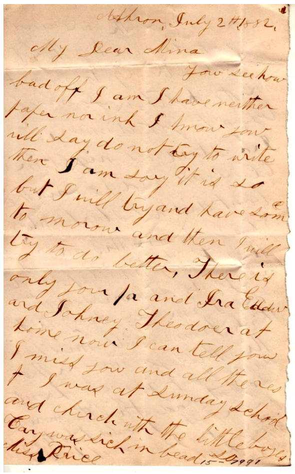
begin on this side and end on the oth

Mina I am so lonesome with out you only I cry every day please be

we have good times thea to. I will be glad to see you nice paintaings and hear you play some of you nice pieces I am glad you feel so nice & feel as though Eddie liked you now I think he alwayes did like you but you felt a little out of sortes you self you know when we donot feel just right I selves we think evry thing is out of oder to, I want to go downe to the doc to meet dear Jennie so I will stop for a short time and after all is quiet I will finish these few lines I did not think you letter was long I love long letter especialy when they are good, Mamie and Gracy are at rollerskating rink I donot think they will be home in time to meet Jennie so the little boyes and myself will go it may be Miss Price and Laura will go to but I have not heard then say I will stop for a little,, Well dear I have stayed all night I did intend to have this



Akron, July 2th 1882.

My Dear Mina
You see how
bad off I am I have neither
paper nor ink I know you
will say do not try to write
then I am sorry it is so
but I will try and have some
to morow and then I will
try to do better, There is
only you pa and Ira Edw
and Johney Theodore at
home now I can tell you
I miss you and all the res
t I was at Sunday school
and church with the little boys
Cary was sick in bead
Miss Rice

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Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Akron, July 2th 1882.

My Dear Mina

You see how bad off I am I have neither paper nor ink I know you will say do not try to write then I am sorry it is so but I will try and have some to morow and then I will try to do better, There is only you Pa and Ira Edward Johney Theodoer at home now I can tell you I miss you and all the rest I was at Sunday School and church with the little boys Cary was sick in bead so Miss Price

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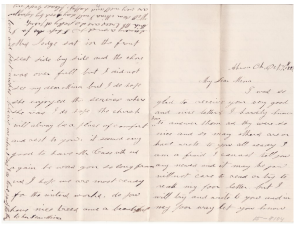
come home with me and we got dinner together it seemed strang to be out in the kitchen so much trying to get dinner.

Ira staid all night in Cleveland and he said the boat did not start untill 8 Oclock ~~in~~ this moring Miss Hatty Phillips did not go as she missed the cars I am very sory to I think Jennie will miss her Mr Massays were on the same boat going to a Toronto so that made it a little more ples for our folkes I would like to write more but as I have such poor ink I think I had better stop dont [illegible]



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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Akron Oh. Oct. 7th 1885

My dear Mina

I was so glad to receive your very good and nice letters I hardly know how to answer them as they were so nice and so many others are or have wroto to you all ready I am a fraid I cannot tell you any newes and it may be you will not care to read or try to read my poor letter. but I will try and write to you and in my poor way let you know

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Mrs Dodge sat in the front seat side by side and the chore was over full but I did not see my dear Mina but I do hope she enjoyed the service where she was I do hope the church will alway be a place of comfort and rest to you. it seemed very good to have Mr Case with us again he was gone so long from us I hope we are most ready for the winters works. do you have nice trees and a beautiful scenery around you I hope ~~so~~ for I think the trees are so pretty at present. Well dear Mina I will say good by hoping you are very well and happy. please accept my love and best wishes believe me when I say I do love you! Mother to her dear Mina

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how much I do miss my dear Mina I can not express it on paper but I do trust and hope it is all for the best that it is so you can be there and I do hope as the time passed by you will feel more and more contented and you will want to stay longer and learn more.

Lewis is at home he came home Friday and will go back to schoole in the morning he said at the dinner table it didnot seem like home so many a way and Lary gone to just think how may are a way Jennie Ira Robbie and my Dear Mina that is a going

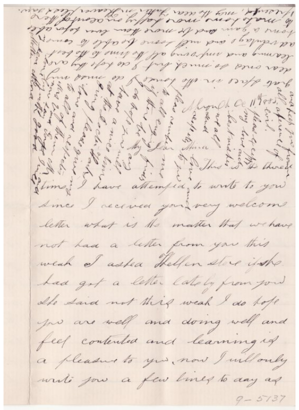
to be gon so long I am not surprised Lewis thinks as he dose and sayes he is not coming home a gain it is so quiet and lonely I hardly know what to do with myself but we must cheer up and make sun shine and scatter smiles where ever we may be this world is a school house and the great teacher gives us some hard lessones to learn but we will try and learn them and understand just as well as we can the more we learn of the right the better for us,

My Dear Mina I do hope this is a plesent sabath for you I did miss you so much in the choir Hellen and

PS dear Mina I think I would get a pillow and comfort there I think you can get good ones there and not cost much more than to send them and you will get them sooner

Mother to Mina

All send love and best wishes -



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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Akron Oh Oc 11th 1885.

My dear Mina

This is the third time I have attempted to write to you since I received your very welcome letter what is the matter that we have not had a letter from you this weak I asked Hellen Stire if she had got a letter lately from you She said not this weak I do hope you are well and doing well and feel contented and learning is a pleasure to you, now I will only write you a few lines to day as

grate space in the house I do miss my dear ones so much but I do hope they are learning and improving all the time to the best advantage and will soone be able to come home a gain and be more then ever befor able to make home more happy on acount of there presents, may the dear Father in Heaven bless you.

and keep you from all aperence of evil. pleas except my love and best wishes we all send love and respects to you pleas remember me to all enquiring friends if there be any I do hope you will have a nice time at the Doctor's Thanks giving please give my love and respects to all of them Mr and Mrs Van Gorder I will now say good by with good love dear Mina Mother

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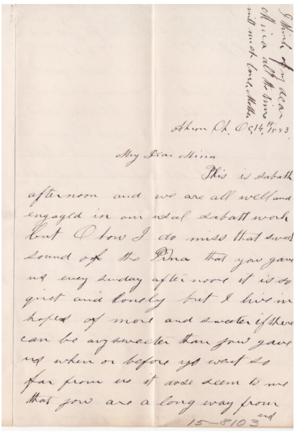
I want to write a few lines to Aunt Lovey and uncle Milton as it has ben so long since I recived there letters I am afraid they will not like it very well if I wait much longer, We are well and were all at Sunday schoole and church as usual and had very good services there was only one absent teacher and the Infant class was so full they could not get seates and the schoole was very nice in every way ~~And~~ and Brother Peirce preachead about Luther and his talk was very good and the singing was very good and all was good and nice,

At and now for home when we came home we found dinner waiting for us

it may be you will wonder if I or we missed you at the table or any place now when the Turkey was carved and the plates passed I did think and wish my dear Mina had a chair and a peice of turkey with us this bright sabath day dinner. I do hope my dear Mina had a good time and dinner where you are I do hope every thing is well and good with you.

your pa Mrs Leake and Mr and Mrs Darrey and myself had a very plesent visit at Mr Ellknes yesterday.

Bobbie nor Jim are or didnot come home to day and I do miss them it seemes like so many a way both of your brothers and yourself a way it makes a



I think of my dear Mina all the time with much love Mother

Akron O. Oct 14th 1883.

My Dear Mina

This is Sabath afternoon and we are all well and engagled in our usal Sabatt work but O how I do miss that sweet sound of the Piana that you gave us every Sunday afternoon it is so qiet and lonely but I live in hopes of more and sweeter if there can be any sweeter than you gave us when or before you went so far from us it dose seem to me that you are a long way from

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I think of my dear Mina all the time with much love. Mother

Akron Oh. Oc 14th 1883.

My Dear Mina

This is Sabath afternoon and we are all well and engageld in our usal Sabatt work but O how I do miss that sweet sound of the Piana that you gave us evey Sunday aftirnoon it is so quiet and lonely but I live in hopes of more and sweeter if there can be any sweeter than you gave us when or before you went so far from us it dose seem to me that you are a long way from ed

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We had a very nice and good
sericies both in sunday school
and Church bott plaices were
full we have a new Organist
she is not quite as larg as Miss
Saxcay but we think she will do
very well intill Miss Sibille
Caskey can come home and be
with us again I am so glad she
is doing so well I do hope you
you may do as well and I have
no fears but you will have good
luck and will learn keep up
good courage and feel contented
and happy and all will go well
with you there is nothing at home
that is worth your thoughtes or

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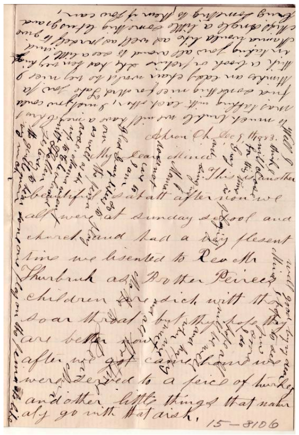
a wish to be hear it will only
be a short time intill you will
be with us and wish you were
back in schoole,
This is a very dark and gloomey day
we have not seen the sun to day yet
but the beautiful trees make it look
plesent out doors it seems that our
kind heavenly Father always knew
how to make it plesent for us how
good and thankful we should alway
be to him. Dear Mina Mrs Ren
Wick is hear in town and your pa
thinkes I have not done right in not
ashing her over hear to dinner ~~now~~ now what
at do you think a bout it have I done
right or not please tell me, Jennie
didnot get home satterday as we expected

but we look for her Tuesday I hope she is well I am so sorry Miss Hatty had
such a sick time it made it unplesent for all of you, Lewis telephoned a little
while a go he said had had a letter from Gorge V, Well dear Mina I will close
for this time hoping you are well and happy pleas write as often as you can ask do love to

Dear fun der, well good by love fr Mother and all the
rest from Mother to dear Mina



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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Akron Oh. Dec 9, 1883.

My Dear Mina, This is another beautiful Sabatt after noon we all were at Sunday school and church and had a very plesent time we lisented to Rev Mr Thurbruk ad Brother Peirces children are sick with the soar throat but they sope they are better now after we got came home we were served to a peice of turkey and other little things that naturaly go with that dish.

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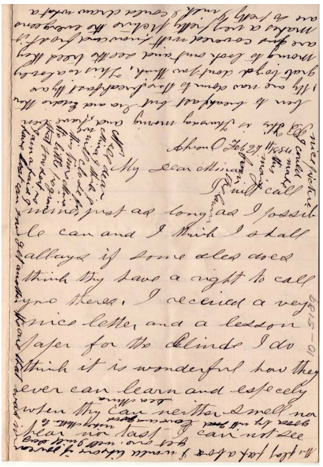
to much truble we will have a merry Christ mas talking with each other, I wish you could find something nice for Mrs Sabe you pa thinks an easy chair would be very nice I think a book or picture she has ben very kind in taking you all around to see a little and Mamia would like as well as myself to give Miss Angle a little something let us grand bring something to them if you can,

Well I think I will close for this time Gray is playing and singing Mama does not care to I am glad Gray likes so to play on the piano as well as she does. Mama went up to Cleveland with Helen Yesterday to hear the gentl [illegible] someone play on the piano the like

well good bye my dear Mina I hope to see you soon I do hope all will be well and happy when we meet now and all [illegible] we are all alone to day it seemes a little quiet and it seemes as though I aught to see some one now I can not think of any one that I would loue to see and talk with as well as my two dear ones that are absent from us I think I could tell and ask my dear Mina a grate many things also my dear Robbie but I live in hopes of all meeting and sitting around the fire side and telling each other there plesent and enjoyable times since we last chatted with each other, your Pa is in the green house making up some few flowers I do wish I could send some to you I do think Jennie had some of the nicest baskets of flowers I ever did see Miss Shoemaker baught one for her Auntty,

Johnie is trying to write a letter to you it will be the last you will get from him in his ninth year as he will be ten in the moring and he thinks he is getting to be a man for sure There are has quite a number asked me when you were coming home I belive most of the girles are starting home the 19th when do you start, Jennie had a letter from Mrs Locke. O I belive I did mention that in my last letter, There is not much to wite a bout just now I will first say Sada Gifford is quite sick but I have not ben in to see her but will go soon,

Dear Mina if you can find some good and nice silk sockes fo pa Ira Edgar and Robbie Lin I wish you would bring some a each a pair if thy do not cost to much have you ay money to get ay thig with. I will have to talk with Ira and find out donot go



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Akron O Feb 27th 1884

My dear Mina

I will call

mind just as long as I possib-
le can and I think I shall
allways if some eles does
think they have a right to call
you theres. I received a very
nice letter and a lesson
paper for the blinde I do
think it is wonderful how they
ever can learn and especely
when they can neither smell nor
hear nor tast I can not see

PS This is Thursday moring and we have ben
ben to breakfast but Ira and Eddie there
they are now down to there breakfast they are
grate boys dont you think. This is a lovely
moring to look out and see the trees they
are ~~just~~ covered with snow and frost it
makes a very pretty picture the evergeens
are so pretty I wish I could draw what a
nice picture I could make this moring from the lawn

Well dear Mina I think I will close for this time Mina the little program that you sent us I am afraid I have lost can you get another the one that was in the play feet a box I would like you if you can get one. well I will say good by with ~~good~~ Love and good wishes Mother to dear Mina

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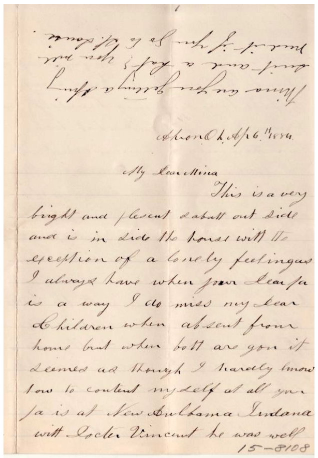
how they can think I think
it is wonderful how they do
learn ay thing at all.

I am so glad my dear Mina
has an opportinity to see and
learn something a bout those
things I do hope it will do you
good, ~~so~~ I hope you enjoyed
your dinner and all the time
you were with the Docter and
the rest of your friendes I am
sory Linie was not with you to I
think it would do him good to I
do hope he is a good boy and is
trying to learn all he can so he
he can enjoy such placies and
times I hope you give him good
advice when he is with you I am

glad to hear both are well. Mina
I am invited over to Mr Wises
for tea this eving you pa also but
as he and Brother Peirce are
in New york. I will have to go
with out pa I do hope pa will
go and see you but I am afaid
he will or can not. I will stop now
and finish this after I get home
from Mr Ws so good by for this
time,, Well Dear heart I am back from
a very nice and pleasant party at Mr
Wises there were so may more than I
expected I hardly knew what to do with
my self but I got along vey well after
all Mr and Mrs Siblering were there and
they told me about meeting Linie but
they did not get to see you they seemed to think

it was very plesent there Mrs Liberling said she had a very nice visiet with the
girles, all the old fokes and a few strangers were at the party Mr and Mrs Thorne
I think you will know who I mean I think they seem like vey nice folkes. Cora said she
had received a letter from you and was a going to answer it soon she is well and seemes
happy all of them do Mrs Storer was there Hellen is well and they are all well



Akron Oh. Ap 6th 1884.

My dear Mina

This is a very bright and plesent sabatt out side and is in side the house witt the eception of a lonely feelings I always have when your dear pa is a way I do miss my dear Children when absent from home but when bott are gon it seemes as though I hardly know how to content myself at all your pa is at New Awlbama Indiana witt Docter Vincent he was well

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Mina are you getting a Spring suit and a hat? you will need it if you go to St. Louis.

Akron Oh, Ap 6th 1884.

My dear Mina

This is a very bright and plesent sabath out side and is in side the house with the exception of a lonely feelingas I always have when your dear pa is a way I do miss my dear Children when absent from home but when both are gon it seemes as though I hardly know how to content myself at all your pa is at New Awlbama Indana with Docter Vincent he was well

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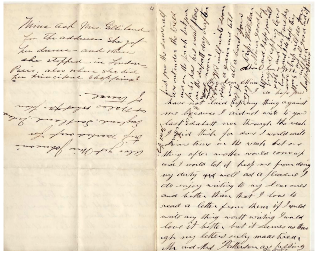
when he left us last Friday eving
I hope he is enjoying himself
to day I can not tell what took
him there only to have a visiet with
the Doctor I think he needes a little
rest so I am glad he did go if I
or we do miss him it always dose
me good to have others enjoy
them selves and get a little rest.
I do hope Dear Mina is well and
haing a good time both with her bookes
that is lessones and amusementes
of vearious kindes but all good and
prophetable. Ira received a letter
from Janie this moning he says he
is well and would be glad to be at
home when you are hear that will be

in a short time but it will be such
a short time we will hardly get to
see you at all but than we will all
be glad to see you if it is only for a
short time I do hope it will not make
your lessones any harder or longer
but every thing will move a long
smothe and easy I wish it was a
cople of monthes later and then
you could stay at home untill next
fall but than we will have to make
the best of it now and do all we can
to improve the time the best we can.
Dear Mina I am a going to stop and
take the little boys over to the Chil
drens meeting Jennie will write a
few lines telling you a little what
she would like to have you do so I will say

good by with lots of love and good wishes from Mother to dear Mina.



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Mina ask Mrs. Gilliland for the addresses she got her dresses - and where she stopped in London - Paris, also where she did her principal shopping!

Also get Mrs. Johnson's trip marked out for England, Scotland, Ireland & Wales ~~after~~ then France.

Akron O Jun 8th 1884.

My dear Mina

I do hope you have not laid up any thing against me because I did not write to you last sabbath nor through the week I did think for sure I would write some time in the week but one thing after another would come up and I would let it keep me from doing my duty ~~as~~ as well as a pleasure I do enjoy writing to my dear ones and better than that I love to read a letter from them if I could write any thing worth writing I would love it better but it seems as though my letters only made tired, Mr and Mrs Patterson are passing

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find you the same. all are out under the trees and on the porch but your pa he has his usual place on the sabbath day or after noon! We will write soon again and tell all about your trip. Well dear Mina good by and I hope you will accept my love and best wishes and I do hope this trip will do you and all good and it will be a happy time

I will now say good by

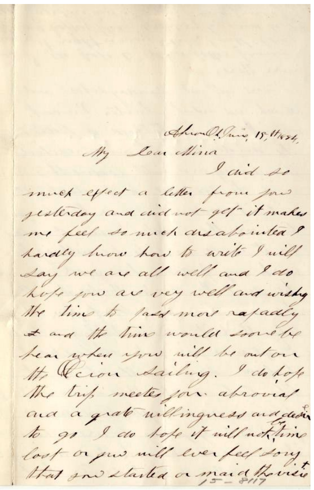
Mina lots of love and Good wishes from Mother

Dear Mina Good by.

the Sabath with us they are both well
as comen and seemed to enjoy the
Childrens day vey much, we
had a vey nice time at the
this moing the house was full
as it could be and evey thing was
nice and good, This is a beautiful
day evey thing has on its Sumer
dress and evey thing seemed
in good order and all right what
Wisdom in having the seasones
devied as they are we know better
how to enjoy each the better if we
had such warm weather and evey
thing that is so nice and plesent
to us now if we had them all the time
we would wish for snow and winter
and if we had that all the time we
wish to hear the dear birdes and
see the green grass and smell the sweet
flowers how Gratful we should
be for the Goodness and grate
love he has for us and how we
should try to study his ways all
the time,

Well dear Mina how would you
like to wait untill next fall to
come home it has not or will not
be vey long time flys fast
Well dear Mina your pa says
you Denis Lina Mamie Grace
may cross the grate deep now
I thought it might be you
would just as soon start from
there as to come home we would
all love to see you and Lina but
as it is such a hard trip we thoug
ht we might look at your pictres
and kiss them and save that
hard ride the girles will tell
you all the news and you would
have such a short time at home

if dose not seem hardly worth while you pa thinkes both of you will want to
come home now do not think I do not wat to see you not that but I think it would
be easear and cheaper all around now do darling as you would like the best
and think the best / we are all well and I do hope these few lines will



Akron O. June 15th 1884.

My Dear Mina

I did so much expect a letter from you yesterday and did not get it makes me feel so much disapointed I hardly know how to write I will say we are all well and I do hope you are very well and wishing the time to pass more rapadly & and the time would soon be hear when you will be out on the Ocean Sailing. I do hope the trip meetes your aprovial and a grate willingness and desire to go I do hope it will not be time lost or you will ever feel sorry that you started or maid the visit

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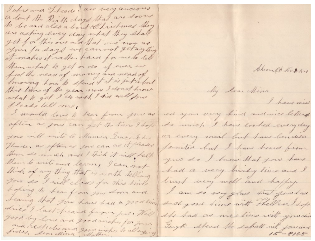
over there,
We were all at Sunday school and Church as usal Doctor Vincent is with us he talked a little to the sunday school and preached this moring and will lecture this eving he seemes to be doctor V yet it dose not seem to change him in the least I am so glad for it is so nice to be willing to work any place where good can be done the Doctor thinks it will be very nice for all of you to take the trip we are talking a bout Gorge is a going to Alaska I believe so he will not be at the lake much this sumer it seemes as though there are a good many going some where it seeme as though it is a going to be rather a quiet sum^m^er but

all get home safe and have enjoyed the time it will be all right with me any way.
It seemes rather cool this after noon but yet it is plesent.
we had nine little chickens this moring before we started to sunday school and when we came home they were all gone I think the rates caught them there so many around hear it dose seem to bad we cannot get read of them. Johne Theodor and it may be Grace are out eating Cherys the tree is full and they are very nice we had chery pie for dinner peaches and Grapes and spring chickens and new peas now you know a bout what we had for sunday dinner it is coming time that it is not very hard to get new dishes or something good to eat, Well dear Mina as I do hope to get a letter from you in the moring and I will answer it right a way I think I will close for this time hoping you are very well and happy please accept my love and best wishe and also give my respects to Miss Jonson and all other enquiring friends

Mina
well good by from Mother



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Johne and Theode: are very ancious a bout the Birth days that are soone to be and also a bout Christmas they are asking evey day what they shall get for this one and that one now as your pa says we can not get ay thing it makes it rather hard for me to tell them what to get or do if ever we feel the nead of money and nead of knowing how to spend it it is just a bout this time of the year now I do not know what to get I do wish I did will you please tell me,

I would love to hear from you as often as you can get the time I hope you will write to Mamia Grace John Theoder as often as you can as it pleases them so much and I think it will help them to writ and learn, I can not think of any thing that is worth telling you so I will close for this time hoping to hear from you soon and hearing that you have had a good time since I last heard from you. Well good by love and good wishes for you. and respects and good wishes to all enquiring fides. Dear Mina Mother

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Akron Oh. Nov 30 1884

My Dear Mina

I have missed you very kind and nice letters so much I have looked every day or every mail but have ben disapointed but I have heard from you so I know that you have had a very buisy time and I trust very well and happy.

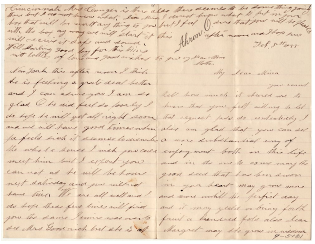
I am so very glad that you had such good time with Hellen I hope she had as nice time with you did Gorgh spend the sabath with you and

15—8105

Thellem how did it come that Gorge was witt you; I must tell you what they are talking a bout and it makes it rather hard for me to write Jennie is taking a bout having a little company she sayes she cant get your pa and the boys any other time but to day. but you thinkes we hall better wait untill morning so I think they will wait a while or untill morning I wish we could have a party and a nice time we have talked so much and for so long a time I feel almost tired of hearing so much for nothing.

We are all well now Johns has ben a little under the weather but is feeling better now. we were all at sunday sctool a church as usal and had

a very good sctool and a very nice and good sermone Mr or Brother Jo youngs wife has come she seemes like a very nice lady she makes me think of Thellen Storer I or you pa and I were at a party at Docters Merdocks last evnig and I sit at the same table that Mrs Storer was at and Mrs young sit at another table at one side of us and as we wold see Mrs young we would think of Thellen we bott thought she was a very pretty looking woman I think we will like her very much they are still at the Hotell as the parsnage is not finished yet I am so sory a bout it but I donot know how to help it.



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Akron O. Feb. 5th 1885.

My dear Mina

you cannot tell how much it cheered me to know that you felt willing to let that request pass so contentedly I also am glad that you can see a more substantial way of enjoyment both in this life and in the one to come may the good seed that has been sown in your heart may grow more and more untill the perfect day and it may yeald or bring forth fruit a hundred fold also dear Margret may she grow in wisdom

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New York this after noon I think he is feeling a grate deal better and I can asure you I am so glad O he did feel so poorly I do hope he will get all right soon and we will have good times when pa feels sick it seemes to disturbe the whole house I wish you could meet him but I expect you can not as he will be home next saturday and you will not have time. We are all well and I do hope these few lines will find you the same Jennie was over to see Mrs Goodrich but she is at

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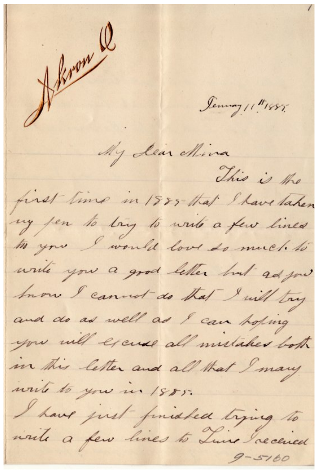
Cincinnati Mrs Conger is there also there seemes to be some thing going there but I do not know what. Dear Mina I donot know what to put in your box that will be worth any thing to you but I feel sure that you will be pleased with the box ay way we will start it this after noon and I hope you will recive it safe and sound. Well Darling good bye for this time with lottles of love and good wishes to you my dear Mina

Mother

and in love to God all the dayes
of her life. please give her my best
respectes and good wishes I am so
glad you enjoy each others company.
it will be nice when at the Lake to
have her come once in a while to
come and see us while ther also hear
at home. My dear Mina when I
look out and see it snow and
know the slaying is good all ready
I can not help wishing we could
have a nice ride together but dear
we will live in hopes of next
winter and I think we can enjoy
it better than now as you will
feel more contented knowing that
you have denied yourself these
short pleasers and are improving
the time for more lasting enjoymentes

I had a very nice letter from Jenn
he dose want to come home to hear
the little boyls at the bird conce
t Friday eving but pa and all think
he had better stay at school it dose
seem so long since you and he
bade me good by but I expect it
is for the best for him to stay
and at work for a while longer dear
boy I think he is improving if you
can get time I wish you would write
to him as it please him so much.
Dear Mina I didnot let your pa
see the letter you sent him so
he nor any one but Jennie knows
any thing a bout it so you nead
not worre a bout it pa just got home
from Columbus this monig at 6
Oclock and is a going to stay



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Akron O

January 11th 1885.

My dear Mina

This is the first time in 1885 that I have taken my pen to try to write a few lines to you I would love so much to write you a good letter but as you know I cannot do that I will try and do as well as I can hoping you will excuse all mistakes both in this letter and all that I may write to you in 1885.

I have just finished trying to write a few lines to Lina I received

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I have just finished trying to write a few lines to Lizie I received

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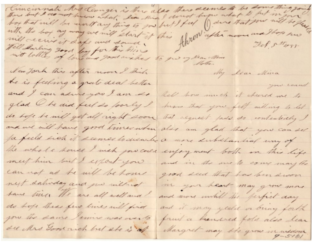
a letter from him yesterday he is well and has maid up his mind it is well for him to be there where he can learn I am so glad he has maid up his mind to study I would like if you could get time once in a while to write to him I think it would help him so much I think he likes to get letters from his Brothers and sisters especaly you dear Mina. This is not a very plesent day as the Sun has a very thick vail over it and it tryes to rain a little and the wind blaves so you can imagine what kind of a day it is. My Dear as Theoder wants to write you I will stop and let him take my place so good by for the present,

Well dear Mina your Brother Theoder didn't write so I will take my place again the little boyes are very buisy drawing the ~~Sea of~~ Mediterraantean Sea you know they are out in the larg room so they have to work now.

Gracie is at the same table and having the Dictionary and ink and all kinds of paper and boxes there is but little room for me I wish you could hear Theoder he is haing the hardest times as you did ever hear off. now hear comes Jennie if you was only hear you would say why I can't see how you write at all I will have to take a day in the weak while all are at school and all thingls quiet. well I will have to stop as I can't write at all as you can see! Poor Mama. Theodo you see what done

Good-bye. YES. ---- Grace [illegible]



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Akron O.
Feb. 5th 1885

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that request pass so contentedly I
also am glad that you can see
a more substantial way of
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will recive it safe and sound.
Well Darling good bye for this time
with lottes of love and good wishes to you my dear Mina
Mother

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and in love to God all the dayes
of her life. please give her my best
respectes and good wishes I am so
glad you enjoy each others company.
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have her come once in a while to
come and see us while ther also hear
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bade me good by but I expect it
is for the best for him to stay
and at work for a while longer dear
boy I think he is improving if you
can get time I wish you would write
to him as it please him so much.
Dear Mina I didnot let your pa
see the letter you sent him so
he nor any one but Tennie knows
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not worre a bout it pa just got home
from Columbus this moring at 6
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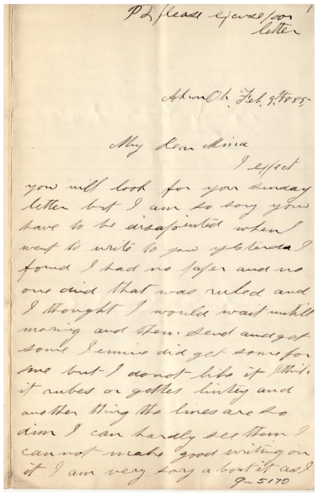

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Akron O. Feb. 9th 1885

My dear Mina

I expect you will look for your Sunday letter but I am so sory you have to be disapointed when I went to write to you yesterday I found I had no paper and no one did that was ruled and I thought I would wait untill morning and then send and get some Jennie did get some for me but I do not like it I think it rubes or gettes lintey and another thing the lines are so dim I can hardly see them I can not make good writing on it I am very sory a bout it as I

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letter

Akron O. Feb. 9th 1885

My Dear Maria

I expect you will look for your Sunday letter but I am so sory you have to be disapointed when I went to write to you yesterda I found I had no paper and no one did that was ruled and I thought I would wait untill maring and then send and get some Lemmie did get some for me but I donot like it I think it rubes or gettes lintey and another thing the lines are so dim I can hardly see them I can not make good writing on it I am very sory a bout it as I

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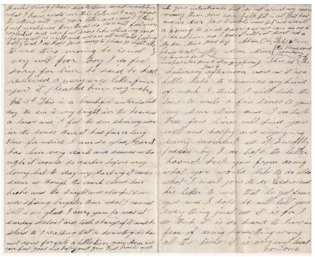
poor writer any way I am in hopes
of getting better before I write to
you a gain I hope you got your
letter in time to let you know
what to do a bout your musict
lessones and I hope you are a going
to take lessones and the boys say
so to I have not said any thing to
pa he has so much truble I do
not like to say any thing to him
in buisness line but go to the
boys so I do as they say I think
every thing will come right before
very long so I hope you will
continue to be happy and learn
all you can, we are all well and
if pa was more contented and
happy we would all be ~~so to~~ that
way, I expect you have the paper
telling you all a bout the nice
concert we had last Friday evning
they are a going to have it repeted
next Friday they made a 1000
dolaller last Friday I do hope they
will do well next Friday it was nice,

Now dear Mina I am not
a going to write any more as I
can not see the lines and
it looks so bad I am a
going to stop hoping this
will find you well and happy
and having good times in
general. we are having a very
wet time hear as the ground is
coverd with Ice and it is raining
so I am very afraid we will have
another flood as we had last
winter, uncle Jacob took dinner
with us to day he was going home
from Cleveland he said aunt Alice
is not any better I feel sorry for both
of them, Well hoping this will find
you well and happy I will close
this and try and get some other paper
soon and write to you again,
please except my love and best
wishes and hoping you are I will
say good by
Mother to dear Mina



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Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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thanks giving please dear Mina dont mention what I have wrote in this letter as I am afraid the others will get your letter and read it I have just mentioned these things so you will feel more contented and can feel more like studying and learning all is right and we are all well and feeling happy and I do hope you may to please go right along

to us this morning he is not very well poor boy I do feel sorry for him he said he had received a very nice letter from you it pleased him very much,

Feb 15th This is a beautiful winter Sabbath day the sun is very bright in the heavens a bove and I feel the sun shining more in the house than it had for a long time for which I am so glad, dear it has been very dark and seemed as though it would be darker before very long but to day my darling it dose seem as though the dark cloud had broke and the bright and cheerful sun was shining brighter than usal I cannot tell how glad I am, your pa was at Sunday school and took charge of it and he staid to preaching that is something he has not done for quite a little time, now dear we can feel good and happy and give God praise and

with your intentiones but do not spend any more money then you can help that is all that has and is dear pa s trouble now but we are all a going to be as saving as we can so as to please him and I guess it will not hurt us."

My dear Mina good by

Adrian, Oh, Feb. 14th 1885.

please except my love and best wishes also give to all enquiring friends Good by

P.S. please dont mention any of this

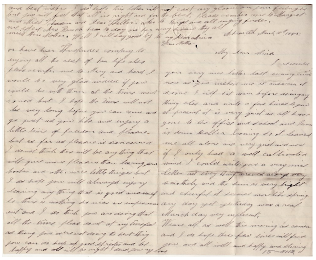
My dear Mina

This is Saturday afternoon and as it is a little late to comence any kind of work I think I will take the time to write a few lines to you my dear Mina and I do hope these few lines will find you well and happy and enjoying every moment as it swiftly passes by I do hope the letter has not keep you from doing what you would like to do also what I want you to do Eddie read his letter to me that he got from you and I hope he will tell you every thing just as it is for I do think it is so hard to live in fear of doing something wrong all the time it is very unpleasant

15-8116

and unprofitible way to live
I think where the mind is troubled
it is hard to learn or enjoy any
thing I think Jennie has or did
make every thing as dark as it
could be it is bad enough but
I do hope all will be bright and
and good befor very long to hear
your Pa talk you would think
we was as poor as poor could be
but you know you Pa always
did look on the dark side of
every thing so I donot think things
or times are as hard as he thinkes so
I hope you will not worry but
be as contented and happy as you
can Ira Eddie Robbie and
uncle Jacob say it will be
all right soon and you must
keep at school and learn all
you can and they say Mamma
must get ready for Welsell
so I think if times were so very

Edd will tell that is necetary I think
they would not say so would
you,
Well I must tell you what a
nice Bird Concert we had
again last eving I expect
you have the paper and have read
befor this that a bout the other,
all did so well and we maid
$75.40 now dont you think that
is doing well now this is the
seconed eving both evingens
they maid nearly $2.00. I think
that is doing well such hard
times as this dont you.
Jennie is down town Mammie
is sitting by me reading some
book Grace is sitting by me
also she is working on her
towel that she brought home
with her from the east, Pa Ira
Eddie, are at the office Robbie
at Canton he is well he took supper
with us last evnig Jennie telles
toned



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Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Akron Oh March 10th 1885

My dear Mina

I receivd your very nice letter last evening and now as you wished me to answear it soone I will sit down before doing any thing eles and write a few lines to you at present it is very quiet as all have gone to the office and school and Jennie is down celler Ironing so it leaves me all alone and very quiet and now if I only had a well cultivated mind I could write you a very nice letter as every thing moves along very smothely and the sun is very bright and cheerful it seemes more like spring any day yet yesterday was a real March day very unplesant;

We are all as well this moring as comen and I do hope these few lines will find you and all well and happy and storing

or have her Thusandes company to enjoy all the rest of her life also pleas remember me to Mary and hers I would be very glad indeed if you could be with them at the time mentioned but I hope the time will not be very long before you can come and go just as you like and enjoy a little time of freedom and pleasure but as far as pleasure is concerned I do not think there will be any thing that will give more pleasure than learning your bookes and other nice little things but I do hope you will always enjoy learning any thing that is good and usefle there is nothing so nice as improvement and I do think you are doing that all the time pleas dont at any time feel as thoug you were not doing the best thing you can do keep up good spirites and be happy and all will be right I send you my love and best wishes I do hope this letter will not cast any gloom on your feelings but you will feel that all is right and for the best, please rember me to Margret and Miss Johnson and dear Stella. also to Emgel and all enquiring friendes.

we expect Mrs Bruck here to day on her way home they all miss there Mother. Well I will say good by to my dear Mina

from Mother.

15-8112

up knowledge and Wisdom and with all a good understanding.

Well I will try and answer your request the best I can first I will tell you what your pa thinkes about it he thinkes it will interfere a little to much with your studies and brake up things in general a little to much and thinkes if it had been a little later you could have done better and looking it all over he thinkes you had best decline.

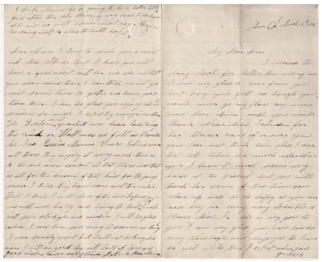
ok. now I am vey sory it happenes when it dose for I think it would be a vey nice trip and do you good to go I am vey sory Betty didnot think it over a little more and sett another time a little later all would be right then pa wanted me to tell you just what to say to dear Betty but as I feel and know you can give her a better answer than I can I will leave it for you to do yourself I donot know any way to answer than to just tell the facts

in the case as nicely and smothely as you can and try a nice and useful present for her pa says get some thing nice and pretty but not to expencive. pa said he would write to you to day so he will tell you what he thinkes about it,

I do hope Mary Mrs Hopkins will have the good luck of keeping her little effection darling and she with all the rest may be always happy with it I think it would be vey nice ~~to~~ for you to meet her and hers at that time I do hope you may meet them soome some other time and it might be under more plesent circumstances as it is not so very plesent to entertain strangers in bead and the little one will not look then as when a few monthes older pleas give my respects and best wishes Betty and hope she will have a vey nice time and one of the very best of Husbandes and will always have a happy life and enjoy

PS Mina I had Mamie back this letter for me before she started to school but when I put the letter in the envolope I had on Gloves and I soiled the letter and envolope so much I was ashamed so I took the letter out and took another envolope and had Jennie back it now she said I should tell you she had ironed so much her handes trembled so that could'nt do it well dont you pitty her. Anna said, to me as I was coming up stairs ther was a going to be a wedding hear before long. I wanted to know ~~too~~ who it was to be she said she would tell some other time, I am sory I soiled the letter so but I hope you will ecuse it my handes are so sore I have to were gloves I do hope the weather will soone get warm then I hope my handes will be better now good by love to you and all. Mother

15-8111



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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Johnson, Abby H
- Johnson's (Miss Abby H.) School for Young Ladies

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Akron O. March 19th 1885.

My dear Mina

I received the long look for letter this moring and I was very glad to hear from you but sorry you felt as though you would never go any place any more now dear Mina wish you would thank dear Miss Johnson for her tender care of or over you you can not think how glad I am that she takes so much intrest in you I know it must seem very hard at the present but you will thank her some of thes times now cheer up and be as happy as you can and try in every way possable to please Miss. J. she is very good to you I am very glad you have had so many privlages and enjoyed the time so well while there I expect when you

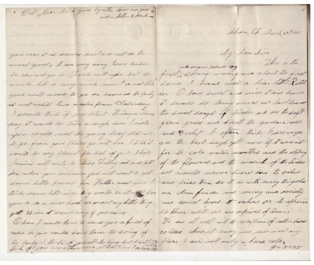
9-5176

I think Marion is a going to be a better little girl after this she studying very hard I do hope she will do well commencement day. Grace is doing well to also the little boys.

Dear Mina I love to make you a visit with Mrs Storer but I hope you will have a good visit with her and she will tell you more news than I can think we will go east some time to gether and have a good time there. I am so glad you enjoy church services so much. I expect they are very nice there The Boston mail quartett was hear last eving the rink or Hall was as full as it could be Ira Eddie Marion Grace John were all there they enjoy it very much there is to be one more concert at that place and that is all for this season of that kind for the young men I think they have done well this winter. Well I think I will close of this time hoping you are well and happy and having the best of luck with you studys and music I will be glad when I can hear you sing it seemes as though I can hardly wait but it will not be long so now I will say good by with lots of love and good wishes and a merry time. Mother to dear Mina get home you will wish your self ther again please rember me to Miss Dand except O so much love and good wishes yourself. I received the box of spruce all right and in dew time I will send it up to Aunt Alice the first time I can I think it will do for the present I thank you very much for it and how much was it, or what was the cost of it. I am very glad dear Mina that you can go to Tronto to visit, Dr Mrs Masseys famaly. I think it will be very plesent for you there I do hope you will go and will have the best of times please give them my love and best wishes. We had a letter from Betty she is very ancious for you to come she telles all a bout how she would like you to dress but I expect she has told you all that you have answerd her befor this so it is all wright with her I am very sory you could not go but it may all be for the best we will hope

so any way. We had a letter from Tim this moring at the same time we received yours he said he had received a letter from you he always seemes so much pleased when he gettes letters from you I am so glad you will write to him it will do him good. We are all well this moring and the ground is coverd all over with snow but I donot think it will last long as the sun is very bright and spring is so near please rember me to your old lady and tell her I hope she will enjoy the warm weather when the flowers will be out and all nature will be glad.

Mattie Irwins is hear helping a little with the sewing to day so I will only write a few lines as I want to do all I can while she is hear. Now I want you to be happy and thank Miss I. for all her kindness it seems hard now but it is for the best I trust. I wish you would rember me to Archie Loomes hope he is well and doing well. I am so glad so many rember you with there letters and kind wordes it cheeres one to get a letter generaly.



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Akron O. March 22nd 1875

My dear Mina

This is the first or the second I should say Spring moring and about the first sound I heard was a dear little Robbin O how sweet and nice it did sound it seemes so long since we last heard the sweet songs of birdes and see the soft green grass and smell the gardan rose and violet I often think Godes ways are the best ways yet now if it were not for the cold winter monthes and the sleping of the flowers and the musick of the birdes we would never know how to value and prise them so it is with every thing else our dear frindes and money and society we donot know the value or to apprecia te them untill we are deprived of them,

We are all well with the exception of rather hard coldes almost every one you meet any place I am well only a hard cold,

9-5175

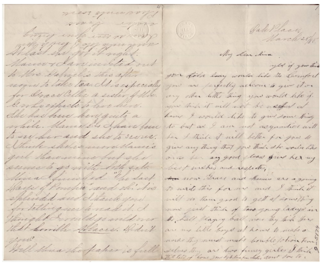
Well dear Mina good by with love and good wishes Mother to dear Mina

you use it as seemes best and will do the most good, I am very sory Eddie thinkes he cannot go to Tronto with you but he would like to very much now I do not think you will nead to go so soone as the party is not untill two weakes from Saturday I should think if you start Wendsday or Thurs day it would be time enough now I wish you could meet the young lady that is to go from your place go with her I think it would be very plesent for both of you I hope Jennie will write to Miss Tilley ~~out~~ and tell her when you are, now you will want to get some little present for Walter want you I think some little nice thing would be all well for you to do a nice book or most any little thing get 21 in it some way if you can,

O how I would love to send you a bunch of roses so you could have them the evening of the party I think of you all the time but I will think of you more than ever at that time I do hope all will be nay

now I hope this will find well and no cold
I think some of those hard coldes are about
as bad and any sichness we can have pleas
try and take good care of yourself gett no coldes
nor any other troubel like spraing anckels
or braking armes and especely donot
brake any ones hart. Well enough of that.
We were all at sunday school and church as
usal and had very intersting time I attend
Mr sniders Bibble Class it is as full
as it can be of old Ladys and Gentle
men it is very intesting and good we had the
Rev Mr ~~Bixes~~ Bires Preach for us
this morisg he is a very good speaker
this evnig all the Churches meet at the
Assembly Hall to hear him talk on or
about the Childrens home I mean the Orphan
Children and it may be he will touch
the Children that have both Father and
Mother I think he could say a good deal
that would be good for all.
We will have all the little folkes at home
witt us all the weak as it is Vacation now

if you could come home we would have a
joly time as it will be but a short time
so we can put all our time into fun
and having a time in genaral now when does
your vacation comence and how long is it
will it be at the time you want to go. to
Tronto I hope so or dose it not make much
difference witt your studys you pa thinks
it is not the best thing for Lue to go but we
are talking and teasing pa to let him go as
he has had such a hard time witt his neck
and not feeling well I hope he can go I think
will do him good both in health and studys.
We will send what you have asked for witt
Mrs Storer now I do hope you will have a
nice time witt her and Hellen and Mrs Storer
will enjoy every moment of the time while
there witt Hellen. I do wish I could send
you something that would be good and usef
ful I will send this little mite and you can
use it as seemes best it may be you would
like to treat Mrs Storer to some little thing
or you may nead some little thing yourself



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Author

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
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At last she got it right.
Mamie & I are invited out
to Mrs. Gabriel's this after-
noon to take tea. It is especially
for Grace Collie a sister of Mrs.
G. who expects to live here.
She has been here quite a
while. Maud L. & I have been
to see her and she to see us.
I think she is more Mamie's
girl than mine but she
seems to go with both sets.
Mina I finished "The Last
Days of Pompeii" and oh! it is
splendid and I thank you
for letting me to read it. I
thought I would go wild over
that horrible Arbaces. Didn't
you?
Well Mina this paper is full

and with lots of love to both
I am as ever your loving
sister Grace.
Please write soon.

Oak Place,
March 25/85.

My dear Mina

yes if you think
your old lady would like the Comfort
you are perfectly welcom to give it or
any other little thing you would like if
you think it will not be missed at
home I would like to give some thing
to her as I am not acquainted with
her I think it will better for you to
give any thing that you think she would like
or do her any good pleas give her my
best wishes and respects,
~~two~~ now Grace and Mamie are a going
to write this for me and I think it
will do them good to gett at something
now just think of two young ladys in
the hall playing ball now they think there
are no little boys at home to make a
noise they must make trouble for them
selves they are two funny girles I think
With lots of love good by Mina from Mother dont you to.

9-5174

My dear sister:—

We have two pigeons down at the green house which had four little egges but they are all broken now. (interesting?)

We made some candy last night and perhaps?) we will send you some if you want it.

Last night Grace was afraid I would faint in bed so she almost couldn't sleep.

John and Theo. have gone to Canton to see Rob they are also going down from there to see Lewis

O it seems so good to have Papa well and happy again he has not been feeling well this winter but don't think it was serious.

Mamma says she has enough of babies around here especially kiss when Grace is at home.

O the candy is so good I wish you could have some!

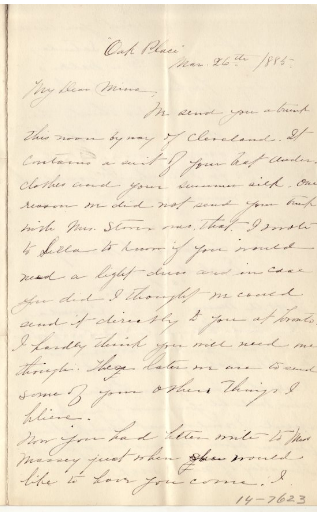
Grace and I have been having made some pantiloons which are extremily homely.

Jennie has gone crazy over a rose that Mrs. Sumney brought down here which is not half as pretty as some we have at our greenhouse.

Yours Truly.

My Sweet Sister:—

You needn't believe a word Mame said about me for last night it was she that was afraid. There was a girl that fainted in church and Mame says it has haunted her ever since and I had never once thought of it until then. You will notice the word egg used in her letter, she first had it eges then eggs



"Oak Place"
Mar. 26th 1885.

My Dear Mina,

We send you a trunk this noon by way of Cleveland. It contains a suit of your best under-clothes and your summer silk. One reason we did not send your trunk with Mrs. Stover was, that I wrote to Lilla to know if you would need a light dress and in case you did I thought we could send it directly to you at Toronto. I hardly think you will need one though. Then later we are to send some of your other things I believe.

Now you had better write to Mrs Massey just when ~~she~~ would like to have you come. I

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Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Massey, Walter Edward Hart
- Massey, Lillian Frances
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Lewis Alexander

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14-7623

think they don't want you there much before Friday or Saturday morning as the 4th is Walter's birthday. Father thinks Lewis can't go. Edward too thinks he can't go on account of the busy time. I am so sorry that Lewis can't go for I think it would do him so much good.

Lilla address is,

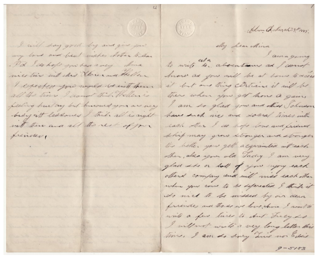
Miss Lillian F. Massey
"Euclid Hall"
" " Toronto,
C/o H. A. Massey. Canada.

You had better write them & telegraph just when you will arrive. You had better look up your best route. I expect to hear from Lilla any mail now. Will let you know if any thing special. I would not think of leaving Boston before Wednesday or perhaps Thursday of next week.

I think you will have a fine time I hope Father will change his mind yet and let Lewis go.

Mrs. Renwicks were here to tea last evening, also Mr. Park Alexander & Mrs. Alfred Goodwin - we had a pleasant time. Mrs. Renwick wants me to visit her in May and if all goes as I hope it will I may go. No news that I know of.

Lovingly
Jennie.



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Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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I will say good by and give you
my love and best wishes Mother to dear
. P.S I do hope you had a very   Mina
nice time with Mrs Stover and Hellen
I expected you would be with them
all the time I donot think Hellen is
feeling hurt any but knows you are very
busy with lessones I think all is right
with them and all the rest of your
friendes,

Akron O. March 29th 1885.

My dear Mina

I am a going to write ~~to~~ at a adventure as I donot know as you will be at home to receive it but one thing certain it will be there when you get home again. I am so glad you and Miss Johnson have such nice and social times with each other I do hope love and friend ship may grow stronger and stronger the better you gett acquainted with each other, also your old Lady I am very glad she or both of you enjoy each others company and will miss each other when you come to be seperated I think it so nice to be missed by our dear friendes and those we love. Now I want to write a few lines to Aunt Lucy so I will not write a very long letter this time. I am so sorry Lucie nor Eddie

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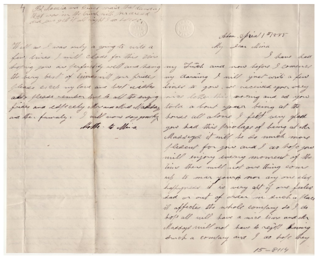
can be witt you at Mr Maddays
I do hope it will not interfere to
much witt your enjoyment and pleasure
while there I think it affectes the whole
comfaney and I will be glad to have
you do all in your power to make
it a delightful time and you and
all will rember the time witt grate
delight it seemes as though Eddie
thikes he cannot take the time as there
is so much to do now if it was next
month he thikes he could and would go
witt the gatest of pleasure poor Luie
we have not said any thing to him
a bout it I expect when he heard
of it he will feel very bad I feel
sory for him but I expect it is for
the best he dosenot go as it will be
apt to take his mind from his bookes
and you well know one can not have
there minde in two things at once and
do bott well one or the other has to suffer

I am very sory to that Mamie cannot
go but as she will soon be free from
school and book she can enjoy such
gatherings hear after witt eas and pleasure
she is beging to feel very ancious
a bout her essay and commencement
time dear child I do hope she will
have the best of luck and she will
win the Prize and will feel well paid for
all of her hard work and her denial of the
amusimentes of the past winter.

Well I must tell you a bout Johnie
and Theode. they had a very nice time
while witt Robbie and Luie I expect
they will be Mount Union Graduate
Now Mina you may thank Mamie
Johie and Grac for those extry markes
some times I think I will have to give
up trying to write I do hope you will be
a better girle when you come home now
if you have time I wish you would give
them a little good advice now as it will
be some time before you will be at
home and will have to write several times
to you



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PS Mamma and Grace said that Sunday that was in the trunk with your dress did you gett it all right I do hope so,

Well as I was only a going to write a few lines I will close for this time hoping you are perfeckly well and having the very best of times with your frides please excep my love and best wishes also please rember me to all the singing frides and espececly Mr and Mrs Masseys and the famaly. I will now say goodby,

Mother to Mina

Akron April 1st 1885

My Dear Mina

I have had my Lunch and now before I comence my darning I will just write a few lines to you. we received your very nice letter this morning and as you told a bout your being at the house all alone I felt very gladd you had this privlage of being at Mr Masseys it will be so much more plesent for you and I do hope you will enjoy every moment of the time there will not one thing come up to mar yours nor any one eles happyness it is very apt if one feeles sad or out of order in such a place it affectes the whole company so I do hope all will have a nice time and Mr Masseys will not have to regett having such a company and I do hope they

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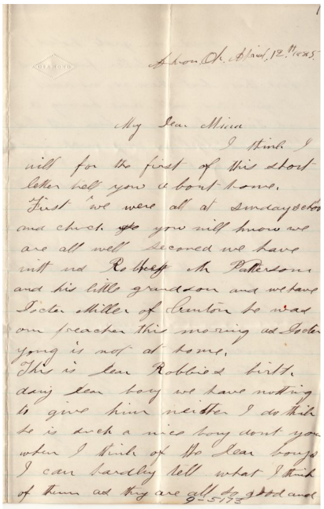
will have perfeict luck in surprising ~~W~~
Walter I do hope Mrs Massey will be
well or be able to enjoy the time
please tell her I think of her all the
time or a grate deal of the time and would
be so glad to have a visiet from her
and I do hope some time when Mr Massey
is coming hear I do hope she will come
with him also Lillia please give them
best wishes and respectes and also tell
them I do thank them for so kind
a remberance of us inviting so may
I am vey sory one of the boys can
not be with you but pa thought it
best for Lise to stay at school
and Eddie thinkes he has not time just
now next month he will be more
free and can gett a way better.
This is a lovly day I think spring
has come at last the yard is full
of birdes and every thing seemes to
enjoy the bright sun.

We had such a nice letter from
Dear Bettie this moring I do think she
is such a very nice Lady I am vey
sory you could not go and fullfill
her wishes did you send her ~~those~~
that sett you asked about I am
so sory I never thought of them
Sunday when I was writing to you
I was thinking it was later so I had
no thoughts it was so near at
hand I thought there was plenty of
time after you got back to school
Jennie wantes cut Glass I think a
sett of Goblettes and bottles of cut Glass
would be nice they are a going to comence
house keeping in the fall so either of
those thinges will be useful and pretty I
think we will have to hurry a little
to gett them there in time Betty telles
all a bout how they are a going to dress
and says no one shall have your place
she will have only two Bride's maides I
think that is so nice of her I hope you can
go and see her some time soon.



Akron. Oh. April. 12th 1885

My dear Mina
I think I
will for the first of this short
letter tell you about home.
First we were all at Sundayschool
and church ~~so~~ you will know we
are all well Second we have
with us Robert M Patterson
and his little grandson and we have
Doctor Miller of Canton he was
our preacher this morning as Doctor
Young is not at home.
This is dear Robbie's birth-
day dear boy we have nothing
to give him neither I do think
he is such a nice boy dont you
when I think of the dear boys
I can hardly tell what I think
of them as they are all so good and
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Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Storer, Helen
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Robert Anderson

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Akron Oh. April 12th 1885

My Dear Mina

I think I will for the first of this short letter tell you about home.

First we were all at Sundayschoo and church so you will know we are all well Seconed we have with us Robert M Patterson and his little grandson and we have Doctor Miller of Canton he was our preacher this moring as Doctor yong is not at home.

This is dear Robbies birth. day dear boy we have nothing to give him neither I do think he is such a nice boy dont you when I think of the dear boys I can hardly tell what I think of them as they are all so good and

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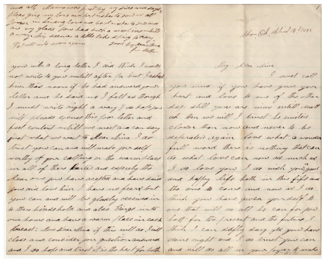
mies, I was in grate hopes I
would have had a letter from you
before this but there is no dout
but you are well and having a
good time, have you ben with Mrs
Storer and Shellen vey much since
you returned from Tronto I hope
they have had a vey nice visit with
each other and both are well,
Eddie was just in and he wished
me to give you his love and best
wishes and I think if all would tell
me what word to send you they
would all say the same,
We have snow on the ground yet
it snowed most all day but just
now the sun is shing and the
snow is leaving vey fast I think
we will be vey glad when warm
weather comes it seemes as though we
have had so much snow this last
winter we have not maid any garden
yet nor dose it look as though we could vey soon

It begines to seem more and more
like home you Ira, he is in the
bath room or I aught to say in his
room studying his sunday school
lesson and he took charge of
the prare meeting I can not tell
when I had any thing that made
me feel so glad as it seeme as
though pa was feeling better and
the times are better, Mr Marvin
had not ben very well for a little
time past but he is better now and
is sitting by Lennies side,
Dear Mina I will write soon a
gain so you will excuse me for
this time now hoping you are well
and happy I will close for this time
please except my love and best wishes
and also please rember me to all
enqiring frides I hope your old lady
is well and happy. Ira is talking of
starting to Chicago this spring for which I am
vey sory but I hope he will have
a safe trip. Good by Love and best wishes Mother to dear Mina



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Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Marvin, Richard Pratt
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Vincent, George Edgar

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Akron, Oh, April 16th 1885.

My dear Mina

I must call you mine if you have give your hart and love to one of the other sex still you are mine untill death ah then we will I trust be united closer than now and never to be seperated again love what a wonder full word there is nothing that can do what love can now as much as I do love you I do wish you a good and happy life both in this life and the one to come and now as I do think you have given your self to one that will do all he can for you both for the present and the future I think I can safely say yes you have done right and I do trust you can and will do all in your power to make

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you with a long letter I did think I would not write to you untill after pa but I asked him this noon if he had answerd your letter and he said no I felt as though I must write right a way I do hope you will please excuse this poor letter and feel content untill we meet and can say just what we want to dear Mina I do trust you can and will make your self worthy of your calling or the warm place in all of there hartes and especely the dear one you have acepted and have said you did love him I have no fears but you can and will be gladly received in to there household and also Gorge into our home and have a warm place in each breast. Now dear Mina if this will do I will close and consider your question answerd and I do hope and trust it is the best for both

and all, Mame was just by my side and says pleas give my love and best wishes to you we all Joiner in sending love and best wishes to you and are very glade you had such a nice time while away. this seems a little like spring today.

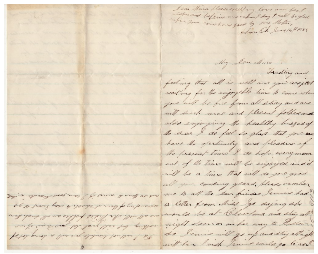
PS I will write soon again

good by dear Mina
from Mother

his life a life of peace love and joy and both may be owned a blessed of God. Dear Mina do you think you do love George can you do any thing for him can you feel easy and happy with him if so all is right and all will be well with both. Dear Mina when I read your very nice letter tears will come but I do not think it any shame. I do trust my dear will gain confidence in her self and more self respect I do think it will be so much more easy for you to do right and you can please more dear frides and I feel most sure you will please him who has gained so much of your love all ready I think we should live every day a courting life that is grow stronger and stronger in love every day I do hope that may be the experience of both,

Dear Mina you will have no objection of dear sister Jennie knowing it she was looking as well as myself for

letter from you and when you pa recei ved one from you and read it to me I could not refuse letting her read it two now you nead not fear she will tell or say any thing a bout it and I think she is so kind and good to us it would be the best to let her know every thing as they come dear child I feel sorry for her Mr Marvin is so poorly and has nothing to do it makes her feel almost sick. ~~tow~~ she said this moring she did not think she would ever gett maried as Mr M was so poorly all the time now please do not mention this in any of your letters. I wish to dear Mina we could talk face to face and see how each other looked there is a grate deal tolde in the eye or face but as it will soon be time for you to come home we can then look at each other and talk over every thing as we like. now Dear Mina as I am such a poor composer and poor at expressing my self I think I will not wory



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Dear Mina please except my love and best wishes and beleive me when I say I will be glad when you come home good by your Mother,

Akron, O. June 14th 1885

My Dear Mina.

Trusting and feeling that all is well and you are just waiting for the enjoyeble time to come when you will be free from all study and are with such nice and plesent folkes and also enjoying the healthy breezes of the sea I do feel so glad that you can have the opertunity and pleasure of the present time I do hope every moment of the time will be enjoyed and it will be a time that will do you good all your coming years, please remember me to all the dear friendes, Jennie had a letter from Miss Igo saying she would be at Cleveland and stay all night soon on her way to Boston so Jennie will go up and stay all night with her I wish Jennie could go to and

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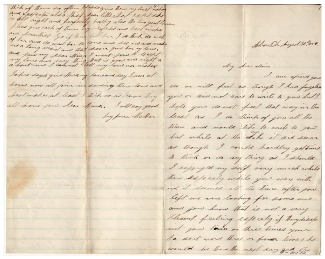
Ps I will not trouble you with a long lot of nothing but will just let you know if we are all well. Mr Wises folkes are all sick there were not any of them at church to day I want to go and see them to morrow if I can good Dear Mina, Mother think it would do her so much good she neades a little rest and something to brace her up but we will have to gett ready for the Lake as the little boys can hardly wait for the time to come so they can start school & closed next Wensday comencement Friday then school is all over for a short time that is book school we can not live one day but that we learn something either good or bad I trust all we learn this sumer will be for our good, This is a very warm day also it is Childrens day it was very nicely rembered and obersved hear the house was full from top to botton every thing was very interesting and good,

your pa just returned from Texas yesterday at 4 Oclock so the days services were caraid on by you pa your pa is well and had a very nice time while gone he met Mrs Betty Brown as he stoped at the Hotels they stay at they are all well and happy and Mrs Brown sendes all a grate deal of love and good wishes Mrs Brown showed you pa all her very nice presentes all was or is very nice and yours she thinks yours is so nice she keeped it in her cabnent she wantes you to be sure and come down and see them when you come home her folkes are building a very nice house for her to live in,

Dear Mina we received the box of spruce yesterday I would wait untill you send some of your trunkes to send any thing eles home as we do hope to have you at home with us soon when do you think you will be with us any way I would love to know please do not stay away much longer as we all want to see you soon I wish you was hear now as the Choire gives an Old folkes concert next Tuesday evnig and it is professor Cases farwell concert to as he is a going to leave us for some one eles to work with it makes me feel sorry to have them leave us as I do like them so well I do think they are such a nice couple always the same and so nice and good I expect you will see them at Chautauqua as they will be there and no dout but you will be there two. Dear Mina I do hope you will have nice time at the Docter all will be as easy and natural as can be please give my best respectes to one and all.



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- Chautauqua Institution
- Miller, John Vincent
- Gilliland, Ezra Torrance
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- Gilliland, Lillian (Mrs Ezra T.)
- Vincent, George Edgar
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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think of them so often please give them my best wishes and respects also that dear little Lot I expect she is all right and perfectly happy also the two gentleman pleas give each of them my respects and best wishes and dear Miss Igo if there tell her I do think so much of her and do want her to come and see us and make us a long visit and that soon give her my love, and you my dear Mina I want you to accept my love and every thing that is good and right a bout me I cannot tell my love nor wishes

John says give Mina my love and say I am at home now all join in sending there love and best wishes at least I think so as I know they all love you dear Mina. I will say good

bye from Mother

Akron Oh. August 30th 1879.

My dear Mina

I am afraid you do or will feel as though I had forgoten you or did not care to write to you but I hope you do not feel that way in the least as I do think of you all the time and would like to write to you but while at the Lake it did seem as though I could hardly get time to think or do any thing as I should I enjoyed my self very much while there espicely while you were with us it seemed all the time after you left we were looking for some one and you know that is not a very plesent feeling espicely if they disapoint you two or three times your Pa sent word three or four times he would be there the next day and the

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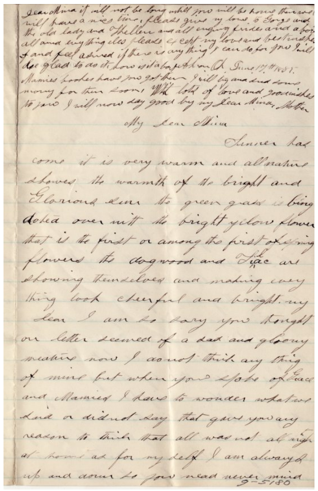
next day but the pa didnot come so it went for some time and Cadda Mac Cabright did the same way. but now we or some of us are at home and I think I can schrach down a few lines a little easier than when a way pa and Jennie are at the Lake to day but we expect them next Tuesday I dont exactly know where Ira and Eddie are to day but do hope they are both well and happy as well as your self Dear Robbie I expect is in Canton he maid a very short stay at the Lake I do hope he is well I was in hopes he would come home as it is a little lonely so may away Lewie is at home witt a friend of his Mr Thide I believe he is very well acuainted witt Gorge in fact I believe he is neibor of Gorges it may be you will know who it is Mina there was a young man called to see you after you left he said you and he meet three or four years a go he was quite a nice looking young man he left his respectes,

Dear Mina I do hope this poor and short letter will find you well and happy and haing the very best of times witt you very nice and kind friendes I do think they are very nice and kind I do hope you will learn may valuable lessones of them and they will do you good as long as you live there are so may things for us to learn, We were all at church to day it seemed old fashion to be in sundayscho and in our old seat at the church but there was some dear ones missing but we must not always look on the dark and lonely side but look for a brighter and better time to come we must all part but if we are ready all is well and right may we all be ready for the uncertain time, Well dear Mina I will close as I know you have but very little time to loose and as can not write any thing worth while I will close hoping this will find you and all well and happy the two dear Ladys are they both well and enjoying themselves the very best I hope so I



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dear Mina it will not be long whill you will be home then we
will have a nice time, please give my love to Gorge and
the old lady and Phelleer and all enquiring friends and a fo
all and eything eles please ecept my love and best wishe
f and feel asured if there is anything I can do for you I will
bee glad to do it. how is it about Athens Oh. June 17th 1885.
Mamies bookes have you got them I will try and send some
money for them soon. With lots of love and good wishes
to you I will now say good by my dear Mina, Mother

My dear Mina

Summer has come it is very warm and all nature showes the warmth of the bright and Glorious sun the green grass is being doted over with the bright yelow flower that is the first or among the first of spring flowers the dogwood and Lilac are showing themselves and making evey thing look cheerful and bright. my dear I am so sory you thought our letter seemed of a sad and gloomy neature now I donot think any thing of mine but when you spoke of Grace and Mamies I have to wonder what we said or didnot say that gave you any reason to think that all was not all righ at home as for myself I am always up and down so you need never mind

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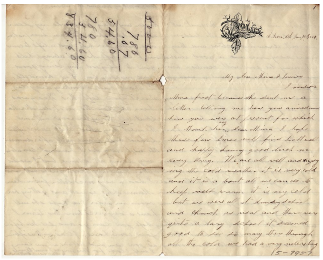
Mina there was

Mina there was a dear little Humming bird flew against our window and threw it to the back to the ground we went out to it as soon as we could but by the time we got to it it was ready to fly so we could not get it I was so glad to see it fly I would be glad to see the sparrows fall to the ground and never fly again

what or how I write but as for Mamie
and Grace I wander what they should
write as they are both doing well and
seem to be content and happy now
I do think Mamie is doing well she has
her cady all ready and it is good I think
if I was in her place I would happy
and I could make every body happy
around me and Grace the same. I am very
sorry I have that way of casting dark shadow
over things I do hope my darlings
will always look on the bright side
make themselves happy and every one
else that they have any thing to do with the
question was asked to day in Sunday
school how any one could be lovely
there were vearide opiones but I believe
it was decided that by loving our enimies
and our ~~nethard~~ neighbor and doing to
others as we would like them to do to us I
think that is the true way to live be willing
and ready to speak and notice the poor and
neglected as much as the better to do

folkes I do hope I can live that way
all the time after this I do hope I can as well
as all the rest of us. Dear Mina Mrs Fry
Young and her son and my self were at
Canton Friday and Saturday we stoped
at Mr Pattersons we had a very pleasent
time we took dinner with uncle Jacob
Saturday Aunt Delia was not able to be
at the table with us but she sat with us a little
after dinner but to day she is not feeling so well
I feel afraid her Grandmas being so very
sick there is waring and doing Aunt Delia a
grate deal of harm I am so sorry about
it I think Jennie will go down in the
moring and see if she can do them any good
I do hope she can I do feel so sorry for uncle
Jacob, We are all well pa has gon to Texas
and we have not had any word from him but we
trust he is well and safe, Cousin Harry is with
us to day he is a very nice young man he is well also
all the rest of his folkes Aunt Emily has been in
Florida most all winter but is at home now she
had a very nice time there and has bought a lot there



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[FI001AAA21], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Jane Eliza Miller, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 10th, 1886

Title
[FI001AAA21], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Jane Eliza Miller, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 10th, 1886

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
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Sharon, Oh. Jan. 10th 1884.

My dear Mira & Louis

I mention Mira first because she sent me a letter telling me how you arrived and how you were at present for which I thank her, my dear Mira I hope these few lines will find both well and happy having good luck in every thing. We are all well and enjoying the cold weather it is very cold and it is a bout all we can do to keep ~~well~~ warm it is very cold but we were all at Sunday school and Church as usal and there were quite a larg school it seemed good to see so many there through all the cold we had a very intersting

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school we had Mr Bryant with us and he instreated the lessons on with drawing picture and they were very nice and a good ilustration it may be you will remeber him as he was hear a bout a ~~wear~~ year ago,

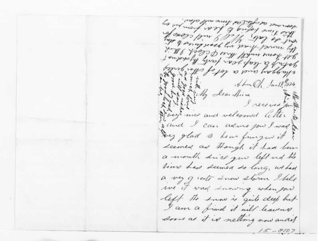
Now dear ones I have not done any thing as yet a bout the house but will in the morning take the curtains down get all ready I can for a little cleaing shall I send for Lousie or will you write to her and tell her all a bout evry thing I wish you would as I think you can do it better than I can and I hope to hear from you often and you will tell me evry thing you can and a bove all I hope to get a letter telling me or us evry thing a bout Mr Ederson as I would love more

pleas except my love and best wishes.

than any thing eles who my dear Mina is taking for an ever protecter and helper in life and a life to come I do hope he will always help you to be good by being good and working for God himself.

I have had company evey day since you left Mrs Weary was hear all day the next day Mr Ma spent all the afternoon with me the next day Mrs Tate came after school and staid until after dinner the next day so I have not been alone very long at a time, but I would rather have my dear girles with me I had a very nice letter from dear Mamie she is well and getting her room in order I do hope she will have a very nice time this term I hope you can go and see her befor you come home, pleas write as often as you can and tell me all you can,

I will close for this time as I want to write to Mamie, Mother.



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Title
[FI001AAA], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 13th, 1884

Editor's Notes
Miller family stuff

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Akron O. Jan 13th 1884.

My Dear Aina

I received your very nice and welcomed letter and I can assure you I was very glad to hear from you it seemed as though it had been a month since you left us the time has seemed so long. we had a very great snow storm I believe it was snowing when you left the snow is quite deep but I am afraid it will leave us soon as it is melting now and it

Maggay and a lot of other girles got up a leap year party they did not get home untill three O clock I think they must had very good times to stay out so late. Well I will close for this time hoping to hear from you very soon and as often as time will alow.

with very much love and good wishes I will say good by and the good luck two you all Can two,

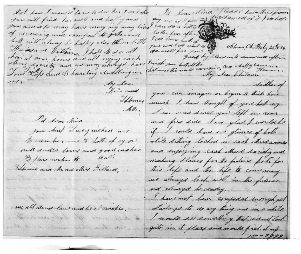
Mother to Dear Aina

seemed quite warm I am so glad you got through so nicly I felt ~~very~~ ancious until we had word that you were there all right I am so glad to hear good newes from my dear ones,

I am glad you think you will like you room mate I hope both will prove good and very nice to each other we can help each other a very great deal if we will only stop to think I hope you will try and set a good axample for all around you and you teacher can say look at Miss Mina Miller and try to do as she dose if we want to do right we must wattch and pray much may the good one help us,

I hope these few poor composed lines will find you very well and happy and more contented than before I was surprised to read that you took your cormand nutes through I did not think of such a thing when we was getting them ready I thought they would be good on the cares. have you all you want in your room and any other way, since you left I have thought of so many that I might have done to make the time more plesent for you I am sorry I am such a slow thinker, but it is not best to think of the past to much that will hinder us from doing in the present or futury let us improve all we can and do better and better Evry day,

there has nothing new happened since you left so I can not tell any thing new only that there was a slay load took a ride up to Mr Garlandes and took supper and then came home we got home at twelve O clock Satterdy evening.



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[FI001AAB], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 26th, 1886

Title

[FI001AAB], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 26th, 1886

Editor's Notes

15-7999. Been thinking of you both, and would love to glimpse you in each other's arms making plans for the future; Jennie has left Mamie at school; Mamie will see you next Easter; pa was not home for dinner so didn't see your letter; had you not been here Monday and Tuesday, he would have been at a place of business; "I hope dear Mr Edderson will be able to let some of his hard working time be spend in taking reading and singing with his dear famaly as it takes that to make home happy or complet"; remember me to Dot; hope she is well and happy; and also Thomas and William; hope to see all at our home.

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Gilliland, Ezra Torrance
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, William Leslie
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Miller, Mary Emily

Date

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Letter

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Sot how I would love to see her I do hope
you will find her well and happy and
you and she may have many very many times
of rejoicing and comfort to gether and
both will alway be happy also those little
Thomas and William I hope to see all
here at our home and all enjoy each
others society and we may always have
Love Faith Hope and Charity dwelling in
us,

My dear
Mina and
Thomas
Mother;

PS dear Mina
your Aunt Lucy wished me
to remember me to both of you
and sends love and good wishes
PS please remember to
to all.
Louise and Mr and Mrs Gilland,

we all send love and best wishes,

PS dear Mina please keep this from
any one as I feel ashamed of it I do hope
I can do a little
better hear after
I do love both of
you and I do want to
do well for you

Athens, O. Feby 26 1886

Good by please write soon and often
I wish you both all the
happiness this world can give, and a happy home in
Heaven.

My dear Children

Neither of
you can imagin or begin to think how
much I have thought of you both my
dear ones since you left our door
and fire side how glad I would be
if I could have one glimce of both
while sitting locked in each others armes
and enjoying each others society and
making planes for the future both for
this life and the life to come may
we always look well in the future
and always be ready,
I have not been composed enough yet
darlings to do any thing one in a while
I would see something that didnot look
quite in it place and would pick it up

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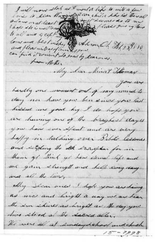
and try to find it place I hope by next weak I may begin to find my self and try to do a little something for the time is short until the time we can welcome our dear ones back to our home and stable and we can have long chated together now every thing is as one we can talk with all and have jolly times and every thing will be happyness love,

Dear Mannie started back to school this morning I did feel so sorry for her starting a way all alone or at least she would be a lone after Dear Jennie left her she did not want to go but ~~but~~ she with the rest of us thought it best so she started hoping to learn something that would do her good all her days she says she is a going to see you next Easter do you think she will now I do

pa was not home for dinner so you see he has not read your very nice letter and you see what affect you had with him if it had not ben that you was hear Monday and Tuesday he would have been in the shop or some other hard place of business I hope my dear Children will find a little time to write to there pa and keep him a little while from hard work he works so hard,

I hope also dear Mr Colderson will be able to let some of his hard working time be spent in talking reading and singing with his dear family as it takes that to make home happy a complete, now dear ones I do not know how to write or compose so you will please excuse this poor letter and believe me when I say I do love both of you and would be glad to do any thing I can to help make life happy and succesful,

hope we will all see each other soon, Dear Mina please rember me to Dear



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[FI001AAC], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, February 28th, 1886

Title

[FI001AAC], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, February 28th, 1886

Editor's Notes

15-7998. Been thinking of you since you kissed me good-bye; hope you're having the brightest day of your lives talking over Bible lessons; Lucy went to Sunday school with us; she enjoyed it but thinks they have better preachers at their place; she plans to go home next Thursday, but I hope to persuade her to stay since she is not well; she sends her love; we're all glad to hear you are well and having such a pleasant trip; hope my children will not start off any place on the Sabbath, but will keep it with reverence and love; Jennie and Grace are beside me writing letters, the latter to Dot; hope Grace's letter is a pleasing one and that she and Marion may have pleasant and useful times together; Lewis wishes he were with you. [Includes some other news of friends of the family]

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- Alexander, Lucy Ann, (Mrs John E. Hunter)

Date
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Letter

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I will now stop as I would like to write a few lines to dear Hannie dear child she is the all always or at least it seemes so to me I hope she is well please give my love to all and a cept my love and best wishes, Akron, O. Feb, 28/1879.
and please write as often as you can find it convient So good by dearnes,
from Mother.

My dear Mina & Thomas

you are hardly one moment out of my mind to day nor have you been since you last kissed me good by I do hope you are having one of the brightest days you have ever spent and are very happy in talking over Bible lessones and searching the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life and we gain strength and help every day and all the time,

My dear ones I hope you are having as nice and bright a day we are here the sun shines as bright as the day you two stood at the sacred alter.

We were all at Sundayschool and church

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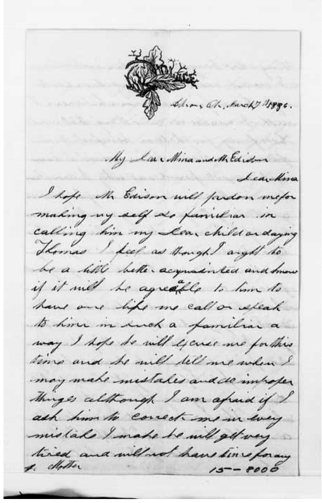
Aunt Lucy enjoyed the Sunday school very much but she thinks they have better preachers at their place. Aunt Lucy thinks she must start home next Thursday but we do not want her to I am a going to do all I can to keep her longer she is not very well. she sends love and the best of wishes to both.

I can assure you we were all glad to learn that you were well and having such a plesent time Mr and Mrs Thing with their Mother started home this morning now I do hope my dear children will not start off any place on the Sabbath but keep it with Reverance and love.

Jennie and Grace are on each side of me one writing to Mrs Renwick the other to dear little Dot I hope each letter will reach the right ones in due time and both well and happy no doubt but Mrs Renwick is

happy for she thinks there is nothing so nice and perfect as her dear little Babe I do hope she or they may be able to keep the little one and it may grow to be a good and useful man, and Graces letter may reach dear Marion and it will be pleasing and a good letter to her I do hope the two dear little girles may have many very many plesent and useful times with each other I hope all the little folkes as well as all the older folkes may have delightful times togther I hope both of you will always feel and know our doors are open for all of you and all will come very often to see us we can hardly keep Luie he wishes he was with you some times he starts up and says he is agoing to start and get there before you do and surprise you dear boy I do wish he did like school better it is a great task for him to go to school he talkes about you all the time.



Akron, Oh, March 7th 1886.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

Dear Mina

I hope Mr Edison will pardon me for
making my self so familiar in
calling him my dear child or saying
Thomas I feel as though I ought to
be a little better acquainted and know
if it will be agreeable to him to
have one like me call or speak
to him in such a familiar a
way I hope he will excuse me for this
time and he will tell me when I
may make mistakes and do improper
things although I am afraid if I
ask him to correct me in every
mistake I make he will get very
tired and will not have time for any

f. Mother

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Title

[FI001AAD], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, March 7th, 1886

Editor's Notes

15-8000. [4 pgs from Akron] "My dear Mina and Mr. Edison; dear Mina, I hope Mr. Edison will pardon me for making myself so familiar in calling him my Dear child or saying Thomas! I feel so though I ought to be a little better acquainted and know it will be agreeable to him to have one like me call or speak to him in such a familiar way. I do hope he will excuse me for this......[more in this vein]. Dear Mina, I was so glad to receive such very good and nice letters from you I am so glad everything bids so fair for you to have a happy and useful life may it always be thus....." More good wishes & hopes; some local news.

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Akron, Oh, March 7th 1886.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

Dear Mina

I hope Mr Edison will pardon me for making my self so familiar in calling him my dear child or saying Thomas I feel as though I ought to be a little better acquainted and know if it will be agreable to him to have one like me call or speak to him in such a familiar a way I hope he will excuse me for this time and he will tell me when I may make mistakes and do improper things although I am afraid if I ask him to correct me in every mistake I make he will get very tired and will not have time for any

4. Mother

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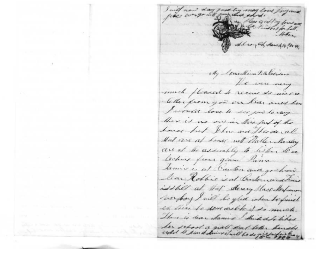
thing eles things of Grate importance
I donot wish to be any trouble to
my Dear friendes nor children I
wish I could do one thing that would
be of any prophet or benifiet to one
person or the world in generl I have
not as yet found out why I am placed
hear in this world but every thing on a
grate may things are very mysterious in
this life I would love to live in this
life so I can see and know every thing
in the next and all will be joy and
peace.

Dear Mina I was so glad to receive
such very good and nice letters from
you I am so glad every thing bides
so faire for you to have a happy
and useful life may it always be
thus and may my darling be all her
Dear Husband would have her be
a noble true and Faithful Wife not
only in words of Love but acts

of kindness and an every day life
always ready for any event of providence
there are so many changes we can hardly
sit down with folded hands and say every
thing is just as I want it not for any length
of time any way. I do hope my Dear Mina
and Mr Edison are very well and very happy
with each other and enjoying each others
society and company better and better every
day and may love each other more and m
more all the time and as long as life may
last and both with there Dear family may
make a happy home in Heaven. Now Dear
Grace is just now reading a letter from Dear Mamie
and she is waiting very anciously ~~waiting~~ for a letter
from you telling her a little of the happines you
are ejoying now we are so glad every thing is
bright may alway be so Dear Mina some
times I think I will never write to you any
more as I do so poorly and only bother you
Dear Mina do you let Mr Edison see my poor
letters I hope not if you do I fear he will
never want to see me or talk with me when I come/a

and I will be at your pleasent and happy home your dear sisters will write quite often and can do so much better than I. I think I will not write very often but do not ever think for one moment that I do not love you and your dear husband for I do love both of you and always will now please accept my love and best wishes of us. dear Grace has well said we did not cease thinking of you when the music stoped no never will we, Jamie and my self went in to see Susie Baldwin she is not much better if any she asked all about you and sent her best wishes and love to you and yours, Aunt Lucy started home last Friday she is not very well she wished me to give you and Mr Ellison her best wishes and love and hopes your life may always be a happy life. Well my dear I must stop as you will be so tired trying to read this you will not feel like reading your dear sisters that is if you get mine first. We all send love and best wishes to both of you and all enquiring friends Mrs Moffet and quite a number congratulated me and sent their best wishes to you to days now good be



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Title
[FI001AAE], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, March 14th, 1886

Editor's Notes
15-7996.. [3 pgs from Akron] Very pleased to get your letter. News of family members. Hope all my Girls will make Good wives....and may be the means of making the world happier. Hopes and wishes for future happiness.

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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I will now say good by may love joy and peace ever go with you dear girl.

Please accept my love and best wishes for both.
Mother.

Albany City, March 14th 1884,

My Dear Minnie Lilla Ellison

We were very much pleased to receive so nice a letter from you our dear one and how I would love to see you to day there is no one in this part of the house but John and Theodo all that are at home with Hattie. Ma they are at the assembly to listen to a lecture from general Paine. Jamie is at Canton and your brother dear Robbie is at Canton and Louis is still at that dreary place Montmorenci poor boy I will be glad when he finished there he does dislike it so much. There is dear Mamie I think she likes her school a great deal better than she used to since Jamie it will be so nice for her thac

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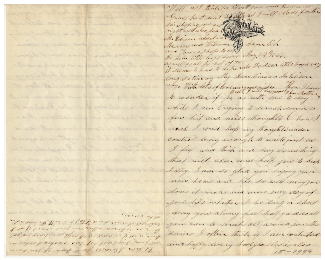
can be with her but I said to Grace this morning as we awoke how lonely it would be when she would start a way with Hamie now you have left us and dear homes how soon dear Jennie will leave us then what will I do I donot want to see that day but what ever is for the best we must give up to I do hope my darlings may all make good Wives and Husbandes that is good men and women and may be the means of making the world happer for there being in it ther is a great deal we can do either for good or bad O may it be the lot of all my dear ones to do good and lead may very many in the right way.

Dear Chris I think we are having a little such weather as you are as it is quite warm and sunshiney to day, I expect you have received a good may letters from home by this time as Jennie has sent a good may and told all that are worth telling

My Dear I as much as I would love to see both of you I dread starting with her as I am afraid I will be a trouble to him I wish some one would go with us you will come home with us wont you we all expect you any way I am so glad you and [illegible] are enjoying each others company so much I do hope you may love each other better and better evry day I think it is a very nice life when we can court all the time and I do hope that may be your life never stop courting but court more and more evryday. it may be we will be with you in a short time and I do hope these few lines will find you both well and happy and we may find you so to I am glad Lousie can help you I do hope she will teach you a good may things that will do you good as long as you may live I was in to see Miss Pride she has been very sick and as she was a little better the first was and she has been worse but she

is a little better now[2] she wants to go with you next winter if you go South I think she will be a good[3] person for you and I hope she can go with you if you do go South, Walter Mackay is hear now and is a going to take the Wedding of Miss Trent you know she and Celester Maddag are to be married it will be next monday the 11th they are all well,



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Well as I think Pa is with you and Jeny and
Grace both sent letters I will close for this
this hoping you are all
right well also dear
Mr Edison also dear
Marion and Willman
and Tomas I hope to see
the dear little boys soon
as well as all the rest of you
it seemes to bad to seperate the dear little boys very
long at a time any way. With lots of love and good wishes
to all. I will say good by your Mother

Akron Oh
May 23rd 1888

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

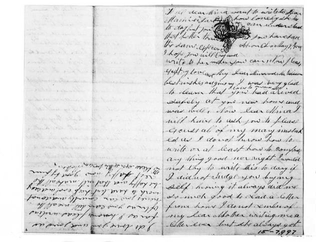
Now I have
to wonder if Pa is with you to day
while I am trying to scrach down a
few hit and miss thoughts O how I
wish I could keep my thoughts under
control long enough to write just as
I feel and think and say something
that will cheer and help you to keep
happy I am so glad you enjoy your
new home and life so well may you
love it more and more evey day of
your life whether it be long or short
may you alway feel happy and do all
you can to make all around you the
same I often think if I am contented
and happy every body ~~e~~ eles is also

15-7994

Pd dear Mina do you know if you have
all you boxes as I put two cooker bookes in
them and it seemes as though you have not got
them or is there another one you want if so I
will get it and send it to you with Harrie when
she comes.

Jenie said she was going to you home next week I do not think dear Jenie feels very happy but I dont know what to do for her if you can cheer her any I do hope you will and then tell me how you did it I dont like to see her so sober and not seeming to be contented and happy.

I dont know whether they are or not but I do believe we have a grate deal to do in making others happy and we can do that by being contented and happy our selves, Dear Mira now you wish ~~you~~ I would come and see you nice new home see how beautiful it is now dear Mira if it is half as nice as mine it must be very nice for I think I have the nicest home on this earth. Or did have once when we all could all gether to gether around the same one table and enjoy eating a roasted Turkey and lots of other good things now I will take a change that word did have for I believe I have it now and more as it always makes me feel glad when my darlings are well and happy now we can make our table longer and more smiling and happy faceices can sit down together and enjoy all on the table and then enter into plesent chates and talkes of grate value dear Mira without joking I think our yard and place is nicer this summer than I ever new it before every thing so fresh and green and the man we have seemes to keep it very nice and clean it seemes better than it used to be, Jenie and I were down to Canton yesterday to see Mrs Buck and the rest of her folkes we also called on dear Robbie and he come home with us and took supper but went right back again to Canton he and all were well Mrs B. says she will be out to see you as soon as she can when she gets home she thinks you should let folkes know you are ready to receive calles I think as soon as you hand in you letter you will have calles enough I do hope you and all will like to go to church and you can do something in church work as that is a good and nice way to gain friends and in doing good, I hope if pa is with you to day he will or can tell you more about things than I can,



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Editor's Notes

15-7997. Glad to hear you've arrived safely at your new home; I know you will do everything you can, unselfishly, to make your home a happy one; glad you have such a kind husband who will stand by you in everything; give my love to TAE, Dot, and the two boys; John and Theodore talk everyday about them and are making plans for next summer; we just got your letter; I hope you take Dot and the boys to Sunday school; Write to Mamie; she's lonely.

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, William Leslie
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Mary Emily

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I all dear Mina want to write to dear
Mamie [illegible] how lonely she is
to day but you can understand
that better than as you have had
the same experience oh how Charley & Mary
I hope you will try and
write to her when you can. Now pleas
accept my love and my dear Mina with kindest
best wishes [illegible] I was very glad
love to Mamie also
to learn that you had arrived
safely at your new home and
was well, Now dear Mina I
will have to ask you to please
excuse all of my many mistak
es as I do not know how to
write or at least how to compose
any thing good nor right I would
not try to write this to day if
I did not Judge you by my
self knowing it always did me
so much good to read a letter
from home I do not rember of
my dear Mother writing me a
letter ever but she always got

15-7997

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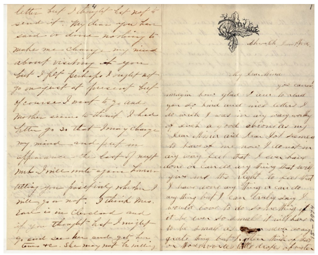
I do love you and yours as
far as I know, pleas write as
often as you can tell me all the
news you can [illegible] and do not
work to hard but keep cool and easy
be happy and that will make all the
rest happy now good by from
PS please excuse this [illegible] Mother,

O how I would love to see you and al this afternoon did you take the dear
Dot and little boys to Sunday School

some one to write for her and
she told them what to write now
I wish I could write one word
that would cheer and make you
feel more ~~like~~ and know you
do every thing that one can do
to make every one happy around
you I do not feel or think there
is one selfish spot a bout you
and you know that unselfishness
is the true way of making home
and every one happy around them
or you. My dear Mina I do not
feel a fraid but you will do
all you or any one can to make
your home ~~for~~ a happy one I am
so very glad my dear Mina
has such a very kind Husband
one that I do hope will stand by
you in every little thing as well
as grate things I am sure if you
do all you can and you have a

I hope you will be succesful in winning
desire to please all will be there well
with you I wish you would please to come
give my love and best wishes it to
Mr Edison and dear Dot and to
the two dear little boys tell them
we can hardly wait for the time
that we can see each other and get
acwarted John and Theodore talk
every day a bout them and are making
arangements what they will do
next summer I do hope they will
have nice times with each other
and love Joy and peace may be there
motto I do hope we may all have a
very plesent and happy time with each
other often and often. We just receaved
your very nice and kind letter and
feel so glad you and all are well
and happy and I do trust it may always
be so. We have a letter from Lewis
he is well and sendes his love and
best wishes to you and Mr Edison
and all the rest of the dear ones,



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letter but I thought best not to
send it. My dear you have
said or done nothing to
make me change my mind
about visiting at you
but I felt perhaps I ought not
go on just at present but
of course I want to go and
Mother seems to think I had
better go so that I may change
my mind and put in
appearance the last of next
week. I will write again tomorrow
telling you positively whether I
will go or not. I think Mrs.
Earl is in Cleveland and
if you thought best I might
go and see her and get her
terms &c. She may not be willing

Akron, Oh. June 1st 1884.

My dear Mina

you can't
imagin how glad I am to read
you so kind and nice letters I
do wish I was in any way worthy
of such a good opinion as my
dear Mina and dear Dot seemes
to have of me now I do not in
any way feel that I ever have
done or can do any thing that will
give me the right to feel that
I have done any thing or can do
any thing but I can truly say I
would love to do something if
it be ever so small it will have
to be small as [illegible] never do any
grate thing but I often think of that
or those words little drops of water

5-7974

make the Mighty Ocean little Graines of Sand make the beautiful land. Dear Mina when I read your letter or at least heard Jennie read hers that she got from you speaking of your dresses I could not keep the tears back. I thought I would write right a way and did but as Jennie did not send her letter I did not send the few lines I had tried to write but it may be just as well if they did not get to you as it was all tears and love and you might think I was trying my self but Darling I was not I do love my Dear Mina and her dear Famaly and would be so glad to do any thing small as it may be and I do want you and all to come home and feel just as much at home as ever you did and all rest come feel just as if they were in there own home

as this is there home now as it is yours and I want you and all of yours to feel perfectly wellcome and happy hear you asked for those dresses or for some and as I nor did Jennie know what ones you wanted we thought we would send all and if you did not want them we would be glad to take them or you could give as I expect it is as it is hear there is always a plenty of chances to give all we have never no never feel that you are turned out no no never come home just as often as you and the rest can and stay just as long as you possible can. Jennie wants to write a few lines so I will stop please except my love and best wishes dear Mina and the Children and dear little boys Edward.

Mother

Dear Mina,

It seems to bad that I did not send my usual Wednesday

to go into a family at present
but it will do no harm to
find out. I think she would
be an excellent person. for she
is a perfect lady and a good
woman. You know she has
great sorrow. Her husband is
insane, and as he lost all
his money several years ago
she is obliged to support herself.

I think it would be very nice
indeed if Mrs. Earl would take
the girls to Europe for she has
been over so often and has had many
advantages in Europe as well
as in this country.
I will try and find out about
her. I think if she will accept the
work you will not make a mistake in trying her at least.
We are all perfectly well.
Lewis will be home in a week

15-7974

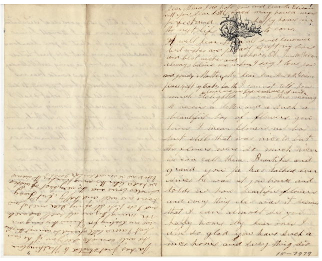
or two. Dr. & Mrs. Knowlton called this evening. Mr. Marvin was over for a while also. Nothing has been decided as to our future. Only that I told him I never expected to be married. I don't know what he thinks of it.

It is getting late and I must go to bed. I will write again Sunday.

Mrs. Bruch spent Wednesday and Thursday with us she returns to New York Monday so you will have a visit from her soon as we told her to go and see you.

With ever so much love
Jennie.

Mother said Mr. Marvin wished her to send his love also Dr. Knowltons wished to be remembered.



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dear Mina I do hope you and dear Mr Edison
with your dear little ones may have a more
perfect and happy home in
the next life to come.

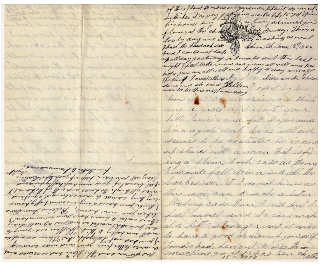
~~H~~ well dear Mina all send love and
best wishes and please accept my love
and best wishes and Akron Oh June 10th 1886.
always believe me when I say I love you
and yours Mother, olly dear dear Mina & Mr Edison
please accept my thanks for the I can not tell how
flowers and your kind remembrance of me.
much delighted I was this morning
to receive a letter and a such a
beautiful box of flowers you
know I mean flowers not box
but still that was nice to but
the flowers were so much nicer
we can call them. Beautiful and
grand your pa has talked ever
since he was at your house and
tolde us how beautiful flowers
and every thing eles was it seems
that I can almost see your
happy home my dear ones I
am so glad you have such a
nice home and every thing so

15—7979

Pa has just started to Washington
he will come to see you if he can
but I am a little afraid he cannot this time
we are looking for Jennie this evening or
in morning they are all well and wish to
and I do hope all of my dear ones at your
home are well and happy Aunt Lucy
sendes love and the very best of wishes
we had a letter this morning from her the same
time we recieved yours. Goodbye

nice and perfeict around you and do thank you so much for rember ing me and all of us in sending some of its beauties to us they did come looking jist as pretty as when you picked them only a little pressed but a little water revived them and now they are looking very fresh and out full size pa knew them just as soone as he saw them at dinner time pa wantes to get a lot of those colerd trees and some of that pink flower I donot nor dose the rest know what to call it but we would like to get some like for it is so pretty they are all pretty but we can get some of them around hear I do thank you so much for think of me in such a very nice way Jennie took a lot over to Miss Flaney ono dont but they do enjoy them also and thank you for them

I feel a littl yes a good deal disapointed this after noon as I thought Jennie was a going to start to you dear tomo Thursday eving but she just told me she was not a going untill Monday. Dear Mina if you could hear us talk and plane about going to see you, you would say O what shall I do all the famaly is comming what shall I do with them yes why just think Jennie Mamie Grace Johne Theodor dear Simons how may more yes Hellen Storer she is comming why the house wont hold all of them well I tell you we will have to make our table full size and then we hardly have room enough, Well Dear Mina if half of all that talk of comming or going to see you come you must let them take care of them selves and you must not worey one moment about them now if it will not be be all right pleas let us know soon or it will to late.



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of this plant to us as our gardner likes it so much, he thikes it is very pretty and would like to get it in his house evry body admired your flowers at the church Sunday. This is a lovly day and we are washing as usal I had the headach so Akron Oh. June 12th 1886, hard I could not keep up all day yesterday or I would sent this last night I feel better now and we are all well and los hope you are all well and happy to day and all the tim I meet Mrs Stone and she said Hellen would be there next wensday

My dear Mina and Mr Edison I expect by this time you are wondering and thinking a grate deal about your little Tomeis and both of you miss him a grate deal he is well and seems to be contented he is now up staires with a man that is fixing a plain book case as the one I maide fell down and all the bookes in it I do not know as this man can ~~t~~ make a better looking case than I did but I feel most sure he can make it a little stronger. but it nice to have a good opinion of yourself Tomeis had ben out to see the machine go as he has ben up stairs

Mrs Stone said the Mrs had received such a nice letter from you and was comming if you had not Telegaph Mrs Stone seemed so well and happy to think Hellen was going to see you she wanted as well as a grate many others wanted to know how you were and how I liked your new home, Believe dear Mina I think you have a very nice and happy home evry thing samed to move along so quiet and nice all through the house and out of the house I feel proud of you now keep happy sing and play all you can keep up good spirits all is right

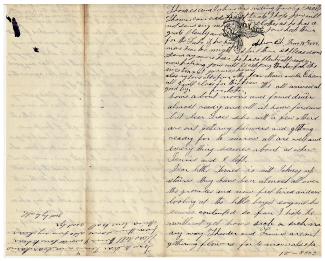
from Mother to dear ones,

15 — 7978

Since he eat his dinner I have not been able to find out what he thinks of the macham lookes O Lizie says he thinkes it a grate machine he is seemes very well please with every thing. John and Theoder have to go to school yet to morow and then they are free for the rest of the summer they both seem very much pleased to think of goingto your place the Fourth want we have a grand time then I wish all of you were comming hear than we would have an old fashon time I do wish all of you could be hear but it may all right as it is and I do hope you will all have a grand time no one get hurt or any thing go wrong in any way. Dear Mina I can hardly get reconsiled to not doing somthing about those buges in the kitchen but it seemed I could do nothing that I should have done but as the past is beyond our call or doing any thing then I will try and pomiss to do

better next time hoping you will look over the past I will just say if I were you I would get a lot of nice thin varnish and keep it near all the time and watch the bugs and than use the varnish I believe I would try that before the oil as it is not so dangerdous and it is good put it in every little crack and corner and any and every place that any thing can get into let your man do it for you as it will make you very tired all you need do is to watch him and get him to find every place high and low. I wish I had tried it while with you varnish is so nice any place that you will not dislike it I think Oil is so strong and dangerous. Well Darling how do you get along with those two sisters of yours can you keep them under any controle at all I do hope they will be good girles and mind and not make to much truble sometimes it all I can do to keep them. pleas give them my love you see I cant help loving them best wishes and I want you to share with them but you have one that loves you so much. I can hardly get in edgways but I do love you and yours and wish you all the happiness this life and the next can gives you please tell Jennie and Manus I would love to hear from them pleas tell how they both are and what they want me to do for them

Dear Mina will you pleas send a little



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Thomes and Johne are riding there bycicle
Thomes can ride first trab I hope you will
not send any mo[re] clothes as he has a
grate plenty and you keep them
for the Labe if he hay Akron Oh. June 18th 1888.
more hear he might spoil them so pleas dont
send ay more hear he has a plenty allready
now hoping you will keep my thankes for the
nice time at you nice home
also my love also from My dear Mina and the Echson
all I will close for this time
good by. from Mother.

We all arrived at home about noone and found diner almost ready and all at home for dinner but dear Grace she with a few others are out gethering flowers and getting ready for to morow all are well and every thing seemes about as when Jennie and I left.

Dear little Jones is with Johney up staires they have ben almost all over the groundes and now feel tired and are looking at the little boyds engine he seemes contented so far I hope he will not get home sick or sick in any way Theodor and Luis are out gethering flowers for to morow also a

15 — 8003

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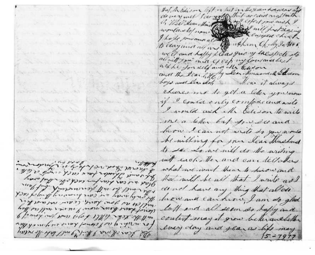
Love to dear Jennie and dear Maine
pleas tell them I would love to hear
from them soon also from my dear
Mina love to all good bye.

good by to all.

is a going to take those beautiful flowers that you gave us and make up a peice for to morrow I never will forget your lovely home and the nice time I had there now I expect it is more lovely than ever as Dear Mamie is there now I would love to be with all of you now and to morrow in fact all the time it seemes to me now that I can see or hear Dear Mina saying well I must get ready to go to the train and Jennie saying what dress are you a going to ware for dinner well I can see you all the time buisey as a bee making home more beautiful if it can be made so I think it is about as near perfeict as a home can be maid I do hope and trust my Dear Mina and Mr Edison with there Dear Children may live a long and happy life there love peace prosparity and Joy may ever be found in your lovely home I do thank both of you for the nice time you permitted me to have with you please except my many many thankes and good wishes for both and pleas kiss Dear Dot and give her my thanks and I hope she is still enjoying her dear friedes stay with her pleas say good to her for me I hope to see her again this summer also all or both of you.

Well Dear Mina will you pleas give my love and best wishes to Dear Jennie and Mamie and also tell me in your letter to me what Mamie thought of her pa and mama I see her all the time I do hope you found her all right and in dew time abo ut the time we thought you would be at home we spoke and said they are all at dinner now and we wished to be there to I wish Grace would come home as I do want to see her so much they say she is well, I am a going out now to see how you nice flower look now they are maid up in a frame and then I will tell you, Well Dear Mina I have ben down to the Green house and the flowe rs you gave us are all arainged in a flower stand and they are very pretty and ^{2}Pa is a going to take them over to the church in the ^{3}morning they are wilted a little but I think in the morning they will look better they make quite a show and are nice and I do thank you for them. I asked Jennie what I should say for [illegible] you and pa she said give them love and I am well.



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that Mr Edison left or just in the garden he does
do very well I am glad that we did right with
it. Well dear Mina I expect you wish I
would stop now I will first saying
I hope you and all enjoyed church
to day and all are
well and happy please give my respects to
all with you and except my love and best
wishes for yourself and Mr Edison
and the dear little
boys and dear Dot,

Akron, Oh. July 30th 1886.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

How it always cheers me to get a letter you know if I could only compose and write I would ask Mr Edison to write me a letter but you see and know I can not write so you would be willing for your dear Husband to see. So we will do the writing with each other and can tell others what we want them to know and that will be all that I write as I do not have any thing that all do know and can know, I am so glad Dot and all seem so happy and content may it grow better and better every day and year as life may

15-7977

Dd Dear Mina I think I will take Monday for writing as I do not have very much time with the dear little boys and you know if I do not have them now I never will as they will do as you have, leave me and then the only way we can know any thing of each other will be with pen and ink but I am glad we can hear from each other that way Jake and Theodore have each wrote a letter to David Goodrich he is in London now
Good bye.

out all day fishing yesterday we had 2 some for breakfast this morning they think a 2 lot [illegible]
of the fish and they are a growing very fast we keep them in the garden this [illegible]

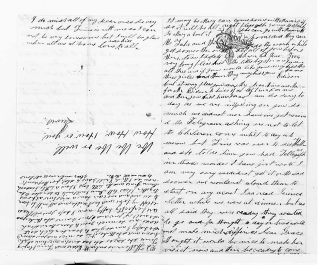
may last do hope dear Pet is
well and as happy as a good
Father and Mother and dear Brothers
and uncle and Aunt and a nice Home
can make her it seemes that she
is happy and I am so glad and
dear little Anna and William
are as happy and well as they can be
I hope they enjoy feeding their
~~pets~~ pets also their new home and
a bove all they enjoy being with
their dear pa and mama I do hope they
do find what they want in their
new mama and she may always
be a good and worthy Mother
to them and dear Pet and every
thing may grow brighter and
better every day,
How I would love to be with you
to day it seemes pa can not say
enough a bout you nice home
and what a nice time he had with
all of you there is not a meal

nor a time when we are all togther
but he has something to say a bout
Mr Edisons place and the nice
time he had there I am a going
to come in some time like he
did and see for my self how things
are,

Re [illegible] Dick is coming to see [illegible] [illegible] a wk [illegible] long

We were all at Sundayschool and church
as usal and had very intresting servi
ces John spoke a short pice as it
was Missionary day he did very well other
speices by others all very good,
Mr Meanes died last Friday night
he will be taken to Northfield in the morning,
This is a lovely day and all are well and
enjoying it but Lewis Lillie is not very well
but was at Sunday school and come home
when it closed, We had a letter from
dear Lewis and he wished me to give
you and Mr Edison and all his best
wishes and love he is well also uncle and
Aunt they will be home about the middle
of June Mr Marvin and the little boys were

Jona sung [illegible] letter [illegible]



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It may be Mary can come home with Mamie if so it will be all right pleas get Jennie to speak to Mary a bout it she can go with Mamie to home and they can Take [illegible] the [illegible] do the work while get some other [illegible] see all of you before then. Your Mother Akron Oh June 1886

very long pleas kiss the little boys for me I mean all three and if you would like you may kiss the three girles and then they may kiss you for me Edison but it may pleas you more My dear Mina and Mary for Mr Edison to kiss if so let him for me and then you kiss him for me I am so sorry to day as we are imposing on you so much we didnt nor have we yet receive d the Telegram asking us not to let the Children come until to day or to morow but Jennie was over to see Hellen and she tolde him you had Tellegraphed in thoas wordes I have just wrote I am very sorry we didnot get it or the word sooner we wouldnt alowd them to start on any acount Ira read Jennies letter while we were at dinner but as all said they were ready they wanted to go and pa thought a day or two would not make much differnce dear Grace thought it would be nice to make her visit now and then be ready to come

I do miss all of my dear ones so very much but Jennie is with me so I can not be very lonesome but I will be glad when all are at home love and a kiss to all.

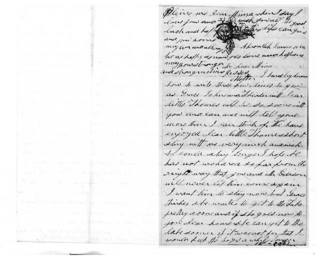
PS Hellen is out with Eddie and Jennie playing Tennis she sayes she hes such a nice time at your home and she thinks it is so nice and you seem so happy I am so glad to hear her talk so it does me so much good to hear others speak so well of you and your home she thinks you are perfectly happy. now I hope you will pleas except my love and best wishes and all will be home to see us and we can have a nice time at home together. pleas tell Jennie I will write to her also to Mamie Grace and the little boys I have a little headach now so I think I will have to stop for the present. pleas write me to all love to you and all. Mother

We We We ar well,
How How How or you.
Lewis.

Dear Mina I ~~h~~ wish you would tell Jane to get Carry to come and stay with us this summer and help
wait on Mamie company and any other that may come Louisa is at Mrs MacAfees waiting on the sick
I am afraid we will have a poor time with the girls we have now neither of them are good 3

or go to the Lake with Mamie I do feel
so sorry that so many of us are troubling you
and at this time please do not go to any
more trouble than you can help Mary
was ready and I didnt know what to
say to her I hope you will let her help
you or the girles or let her do something
that will help you for I think you need
help I hope Jennie can also the Little
folkes said they would try and be as good
as they could now I do hope you and
all will come to the Lake just as
soonas you can I want you to be sure
and let Dear Little Thomes come with
the boys he was so nice hear I think
he is a very nice Dear little boy
and I want him to come hear soone
a gain and stay longer I am afraid
you found him taned a little and a
little more like a boy as he was out
doores most all the time I do hope he
enjoyed his visit hear and will be
willing to come to see us again, I forgot

his velvet clothes and two neck ties but he
can have them when he comes home or
I will send them to the Lake so he can
have them there, Robbie is hear now
with his sunday school class but
just now he is a taking them a drive
but will soon be in nine little girles if
the little boys had been hear they would
have had lots of fun as some of them
were very lively Robbie is well and asked
all a bout you and wanted to know
how long Jennie and Mamie was going
to stay with you, Dear Mina you must
be tired most out with so much company
I do hope the girles can do a little for you,
I am very glad Gorge has been in to
see you and Mrs Vincet sent you such a
nice letter I think we will enjoy the Lake
this time so much more than we would other
wise how nice it is to live in love
and unison with our neabors and frinds what
is better than love it helps in every
thing and in every way.



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Believe me dear Mina when I say I love you and wish you all the good luck and happiness this life can give and you home may ever and always be as happy as now yes love and happiness may grow stronger and strong as time passes.

Ah how Oh I never

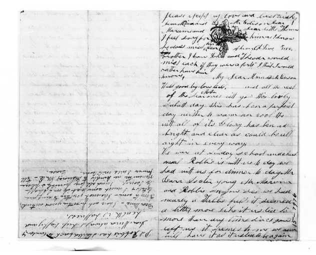
Motto.

My dear Mina I hardly know how to write these few lines to you as Grace Johnson and Theodore with dear little Thomas will be so soon with you and can and will tell you more than I can think of. We have enjoyed dear little Thomas short stay with us very much and wish he could stay longer I hope he has not wondered so far from the right way that you and Mr Edison will never let him come again I want him to stay now but Grace thinks she wants to get to the Lake pretty soon and if she goes now to your dear home she can get to the lake sooner if it was not for that I would keep the boys a while longer

Well as you will see some very soon that can tell you more than I can write I
will close for this time hoping you and all are well and happy everything all bright

I hope dear little Thomas has enjoyed his
short stay with us and he will be willing
to come again there has not been
one word of discord between them
of any kind that I have heard of all
seemed to be happy and well pleased
with each other when do you think
you will be home come while the
rest are at the lake that is if Mr Edison
will be willing I am afraid he will
not consent ~~but you~~ I know all
will come before you go home
but that will not be as if we could
be all a lone and we could do just
as we pleased but I hope we will have
a nice time any way that may seem
best for you and all I want to do as
near right and all I can to make it
a plesent time I want all to come
Mr Edison Dot Tomies and William
if he is at home come and let us have
a mery time.

I meet Mrs Storer this morning at
church she said I expect Hellen
is having a very nice time with Mina
to day I hope she did and she will come
home full of delight with her visit with
you, Now dear Mina I feel sorry that
there are so many coming to your place
at once but I donot know how to help
it now as it has got started I do hope
Mary can help and try to make the work
a little lighter some times I feel very
sorry she is a going but I hope she can do
some thing to help, I hope you will have
good luck with Lenie and Mamie I wish
you would send Mamie home just as
soone as she can come I think she has
been a way long enough please tell her I
would like to know when she will be home
so I can wash my handes and put on a
clean apron pleas tell her to be good and
not talk to much pleas tell Lenie I
would like to have a letter from her if she has
time to write hope she is well and happy,



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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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please accept my love and best wishes
dear Mina and Mr Edison dear
Marion and dear little Thomas
I feel sorry for him as I know
he does miss his dear [illegible] Time too,
brother I know John and Theodore would
miss each if they were apart I think I would
rather have him
home, My dear Mina & Mr Edison
Well good by love to all, and all the rest
of the dear ones Mother with you this lovely
Sabbath day this has been a perfect
day neither to warm nor cool the sun
with all of its Glory has been as
bright and clear as could be all
right in every way,
We were at Sunday school and church
near Robbie is with us to day we
had with us for dinner to day the
dear Sister young Mr Marvin
and Robbie your dear we had
nearly a Table full it seemed
a little more like it used to
more than any time since you
left us it seemes to me we never
will have it as it used to be again

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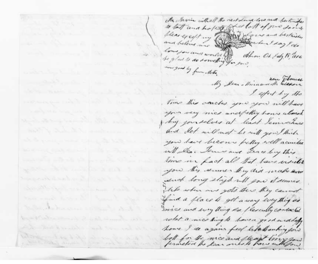
P S Robbie has started back to Canton, 4
dear Mina always keep happy and
health is happiness.

Dear Mina - I have not forgotten your intend
to write some - I have not written to any one
lately & I must come at it or I shall
be sorry. I send all love possible & please
remember me kindly to Marion & Mr E - tell
[illegible] I will write some. Grace.

I do miss my darling and darling so much it seems to me more and more every day especially now as vacation is nearing it seems so hard though I must say when Mina and Mamie comes we must do so and so I do expect to see my dear Mina soon but it will be in a little different way than a school or a school girl of books but I dont not but it has been a time of learning human nature and real life than any other time of your schooling no dout but you have had new lessons to learn every day and you have learned them well. I would be very glad if Mr Edison would write me a few lines and tell me if he thinks he can make a good scholar of you and if it is easy for you to learn

Pa thinks you are all right and are doing just right and every thing around you are all right I am so glad he is so well pleased with you and every thing around you. I think Louie will be with you the last of the week you have asked me what I thought about Grace or Dot and Mamie and Grace going to Europe to study I think it would be very nice and al right but Pa wantes Mamie to go on to Wellesy as she has talked of doing but Grace can go I think Louie can tell you all about it better than I can write it so will let her tell you. We expect Jennie this week but Alice is homesick and I think all of them will be glad when they get home. When will I see you and yours dear Mina I hope soon also dear Mamie we had such a nice letter from her this last week have you any of her pictures as we think they are so nice if you have received any yet please write to her and tell her you would like two as she has one with a hat on and one without both are good it may be you have both.



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Mr Marvin with all the rest send love and best wishes to tall and hopes to see both of you soon
please except my love and best wishes
and believe me when I say I do
love you and would
be glad to do something for you.
now good by from Mother

Akron O, July 18th 1886

son Thomas
My Dear Mina and Mr. Edison

I expect by the time this reaches you you will have your very nice and pretty home almost by yourselves at least Jennie & Grace and Dot will not be with you I think you have become pretty well acquainted with Ida, Jennie and Grace by this time in fact all that have visited you this summer they did make ~~an~~ such long stays with you it seems like when one gets there they cannot find a place to get away everything so nice and everything so pleasently conducted what a nice thing to have a good and happy home I do again feel like thanking you both for the nice and pleasant times you permeted the dear ones to have with you

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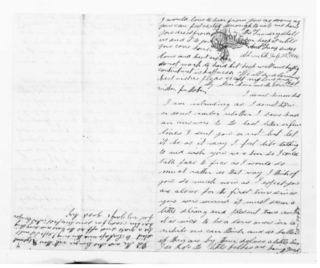
I hope soone to receive you at your old home and both with your dear famaly will enjoy a long time with us it seemes long when I look forward to the time for you to be hear but time flyes fast I do hope we will have the very best of times while all are together arond the famaly circel I have to wonder if dear Eddie will be home you know he has gone to Mexico dear boy how often and often I think of him and wonder how he is and if he will have a safe and good time I do miss him so much it does seem so hard when they get to be company they will leave but I hope it is all for the best, This is a lovly sabath day and we all were at sunday school and church as usal had a nice house full at both sunday school and church and good services. We are all well and do hope these few lines will find all or both well and happy and enjoying the quietness of Married life how nice to be a lone a little it gives us a time to think and get ready,

Pleas write and tell us about what time you think you can be hear I hope you will fix every thing so you nead not be in a hurry to leave before anyone can get to see you or know you are hear. I hope dear little Thomas and the boys are having a nice time at the Lake if I had knowned that the girles were agoing to be so long getting there I would have gone and staid untill they could be there it seemes a little to bad to let them be there so long a lone but I hope Mary has taken good care of them and they are perfectly safe and happy I want Thomas to have a good time I think it will be nice when all get there, dear Mamie hardly knowes what to get as she has not had a chance to talk with Pa yet I think she would like to go Europe what do you think of her case it seemes like a good way off to study first there is 3 so many doing it that made not mind it as we wanted to I think she can do well enough hear but I want her to do as she thinks best and will do her the most good I think she can and will do well any place she may go but the time will not be so long at one place if she gets there,



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I would love to hear from you as soone as you can feel rested enough to write me have you dress from the Laundry shall we send it to you or keep it untill you come home. Aunt Lucy sends love and best wishes.

Akron Oh July 22nd 1886.

do not work to hard but keep well and happy contentment is happness. We all send love and best wishes please accept my love and best wishes fr Mother

My Dear Mina and Mr Edison

I donot know but I am intruding as I dont know or dont rember whether I have had an answer to the last letter or few lines I sent you or not but let it be as it may I feel like talking to and wish you were here so I could talk face to face as I would so much rather do that way I think of you so much now as I expect you are alone for the first time since you were maried it must seem a little strang and plesent two as it is nice to be a lone once in a while one can think and do better if they are by them selves a little time I do hope the little folkes are haveing good

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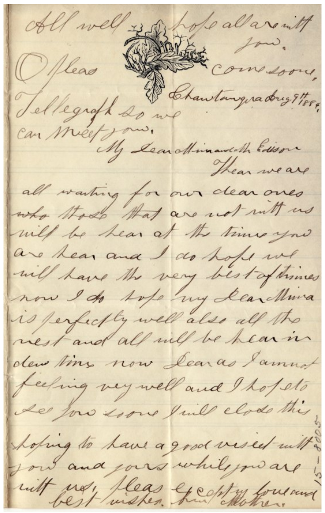
P.S. Mr and Mrs Conger with their Regiment start to California this eving I expect it will be a grate send off as the cars and every thing has been ready for some time past. Mrs Conger feel very gay. good by times at the Lake I so thank you so much for the nice time you gave them while at your very nice home, Now Dear Mina and Mr Edison how or in what way would you like to spend the time when with us stay most of the time at the Lake or at home now pleas let me ones know as we will make arangements acordingly I want you and all to have the very best of time while with us if you would rather come home to stay I will stay at home and if you would rather be at the Lake the most of the time I and all of us will go up there pleas let us know soone I want all to come home before going back to your home at Orange and I want you to stay longer than Jennie was a fraid you was only going to stay there try and make arancements to stay a long time I think after one has worked as steady as Mr Edison and Mina has and so long a time they aught to have a long time of rest and be ready for their winter work,

It is just as nice hear to day as it can be I think we have had a delightful sumer I hope these few lines may find both well and happy and enjoying each others society to the very greatest pleasure, Mamie Grace Alice are not up yet and it is half past eleven Oclock they are nearly tired out as they are having great times with the boys Oh I hear the girles come now they will have to have a little breakfast they are eating they say they feel rested now I am glad they seem to enjoy them selves I was afraid they would get home sick. I have not had a word from the Lake since the girles got there it seemes like such a task for them to write to me did Jennie seem happy and contented when she left you I do hope she will be happy and feel all right after this Dear Mina Robbie says you have not sent him a letter for a long time he is talking of getting himself a horse what do you think of that please write to him as soon as you return for I think he feels a little lone some,



All well hope all are with you.

O pleas come soon,

Tellegraph so we can meet you.

Chautauqua Aug 9th 1886

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

Hear we are all waiting for our dear ones who those that are not with us will be hear at the time you are hear and I do hope we will have the very best of times now I do hope my dear Mina is perfectly well also all the rest and all will be hear in dew time now dear as I am not feeling very well and I hope to see you soon I will close this hoping to have a good visit with you and yours while you are with us, pleas except my love and best wishes. your Mother.

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O pleas come soon,

Tellegraph so we can meet you.

Chautauqua Aug 9th 1889,

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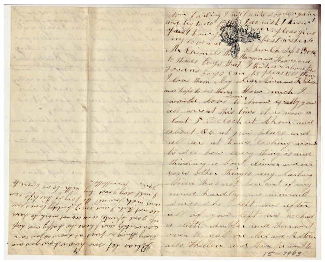
Hear we are all waiting for our dear ones who those that are not with us will be hear at the time you are hear and I do hope we will have the very best of times now I do hope my dear Mina is perfectly well also all the rest and all will be hear in dew time now dear as I am not feeling vey well and I hope to see you soon I will close this hoping to have a good visit with you and yours whils you are with us, pleas except my love and best wishes. Your Mother.



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Now darling I will write soon again
and try to do b[illegible] I do wish I knew
just how y[illegible] ar. pleas give
my love and best wishes to
Mr Edisons th[illegible] Akron Oh Sep 2th 1886,
Marion and Thomas and
to those boys that I think are about as
good as boys can be pleas tell them
I love them My dear Mina and Mr Edison
and hope to see them soon. How much I
would love to know exactly you
all were at this time it is now a
bout 5 Oclock at Akron and
about 6 at your place and
all are at home looking around
to see how every thing is and
thinking a bout dinner and var
ious other things my darling
Mina has not ben out of my
mind hardly one moment
since she left me after
all of you left us we had
a little supper and then went
over to call on Mr and M Stover
also Shellers and then Pa went to.

15-7963

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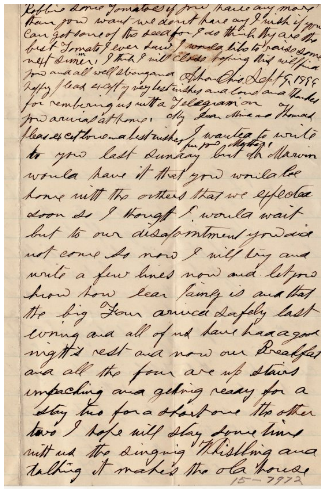
Pleas let me know how you and
every thing is just as soone as you can
convenently and pleas be happy and keep
up good spirets and do not work to hard
do not think I and every boddy loves you
and wish you all the joy of this life now
I will say good by with love love to
you, your Mother

Mrs Ramsy sendes love and best wishes to you and she was sorry not meet you but it was so she could not get hear any sooner. Doctor Young and Mrs Ramsy and Mrs Lake were there so pa had them come over and stay all night Mrs Ramsy and Willey stand for dinner but Mrs Lake went home before as she said she expected some woman to help her to fix up her roomes a little I have not ben a lone one moment since my darling left us but I have thought and wonder over and over how all were and how you found your nice home I do hope all was well all the help was there you wanted and every thing was ready for your home is dear little Thomas I do hope his throat is well and he is happy with his little Loves O I have such a poor pen I can hardly write at all I will only write a few lines please tell Lot or Mary on that Grace with Bessey Scot and Juliey Mac Graf O I cannot spell her name but they are playing Lawn Tennes and it is a beautiful evning for it it is neither hot nor cold,

Dear Mina there was a trunk come from the Lake and I see there are a few things in it for you and Mary on also for the rest of your famaly now shall I send the things to you or keep them untill you come home for the Wedding plese let me know and I will do as you say I do not think there is any thing you will need very much or at least you cant do without them untill that time but do as you think best.

I expect Jennie is out on the Ocian sailing I do hope she is well and happy.



Robbie some Tomatoes if you have any more
than you want we dont have any I wish if you
Can get some of the seed for I do think they are the
best Tomato I ever saw I would like to raise some
next sumer, I think I will close hoping this will find
you and all well strong and Akron Ohio Sept 9, 1886
happy please except my very best wishes and love and thanks
for rembering us with a Telegram on
your arrival at home. My dear Mina and Thomas
please except love and best wishes from your Mother I wanted to write
to you last Sunday but Mr Marvin
would have it that you would be
home with the others that we expected
soon so I thought I would wait
but to our disapointment you did
not come so now I will try and
write a few lines now and let you
know how dear Jimmy is and that
the big Four arrived safely last
evening and all of us have had a good
night's rest and now our Breakfast
and all the four are up stairs
unpacking and getting ready for a
stay two for a short one the other
two I hope will stay some time
with us the singing Whistling and
talking it makes the old house
15-7972

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Ashton Ohio Sept 9, 1899

My dear Mina and Thomas

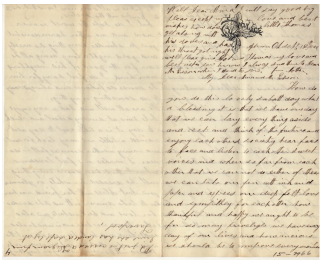
please excet love and best wishes for you Mother I wanted to write to you last Sunday but Mr Marvin would have it that you would be home with the others that we expected soon so I thought I would wait but to our disapointment you did not come so now I will try and write a few lines now and let you know how dear Family is and that the big Four arrived safely last evening and all of us have had a good nigth's rest and now our Breakfast and all the four are up stairs unpacking and getting ready for a stay two for a short one the other two I hope will stay some time with us the singing Whistling and talking it makes the old house

15—7972

how glad I would be if you were witt them but I am glad you had such a lovely home to go to and found every thing in good order and so plesent a time witt your dear Husband and dear little ones what a sweet place home is witt all our dear ones witt us I am so very glad you had a short visit witt your dear Father and we all had a plesent time to gether this sumer at the old Cottage. If dear Jaine had kept well what a delightful time it migtt have ben but now we we can be glad that our dear ones is getting better she had a very good nigtt last nigtt and is feeling quite good this mornig Elisa said when I called her witt the Telphone not any of us have ben out there yet this mornig but will go some time to day I staid there most all the time since I left you they seemed to want me to they had two nurses all the time until Monday Miss Tunt went

home Miss Young is there yet and Mr Marion says he is a going to keep her until Jaine is rigtt well he feeles very ancious that she should get well he say there is nothing to hinder them from having a good time if she will get well and keep well and witt care she can do that I do hope she will for it is so very unplesent to be half sick both for yourself and others around you there is nothing like good health,

The big four send there love and best wishes and are glad they had such a good time witt you and Mr Edison and little Madelin and Charles they think those two are a bout perfect and I agree witt them please kiss both for me I hope they can come some sumer to Akron it is so much more plesent than winter I expect they are happy and have started to school. This is a very plesent mornig bids fair for a nice day. We are all well and do hope these lines will find all well and happy at your lovely home dear Mina do you think it would pay to send



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Well dear Mina I will say good by
pleas except my love and best
wishes how does little Thomas
get along with
his doves and has
his throat got right   Akron Oh. Sept, 19th 1886.
well pleas give Dot and Thomas my love and
best wishes you know I always send them to dear
Mr Edison when I send to you.   your Mother.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison.

How do you do this lovely sabbath day what a blessing it is that we have one day that we can lay every thing aside and rest and think of the future and enjoy each others society hear face to face and listen to each other sweet voices and when so far from each other that we can not do either of these we can take our pen with ink and paper and express our deep felt love and sympithey for each other how thankful and happy we aught to be for so may priveligis we have every day of our lives and how ancious we should be to improve every momen

15-7966

PS just received a telegram from Jine she has landed safely at Liverpool,

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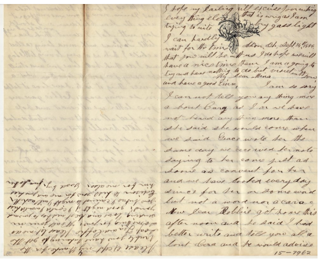
poor man. he feeles that his chance for the future is all over now I dont think he
likesit very well that Jennie has gone to Confre with the docters.

to the very best of our abilitoy and
our good the only way to do the most
good is to try and be happy and to be
that is to be contented and try to do for
others as we would they should do for
us I have noticed it to be a sure
case where one is selfish wanting
every thing his way not caring for
the comfortes and benifetes of
others they are sure to be unhappy
and discontentd nothing is right some
times we have to go though a grate
may hardshipes to please and do
for others as we would like them to
do for us your dear pa has a hard
time trying to do for others doing
what he knowes will be a grate
benefit both in travil and in lookes
you may have receved the papers
and read what a time pa with the boys
and all or most all of Ashon it
has maid your pa feel most sick

but I do hope the worst is over
now and no other harm done but
your pa standes every thing so nicely
and goes right a long doing all he
can for the good of his neighbors
man kind I do feel sorry for him
he seemes so patiance and always ready
to do something or ay thing,

We are all well and had a very enjoya
ble time at sunday school and church
to day it is a little cool to day as it
rained a little we may look for cool
and rainey weather soon as fall is so
near it makes me feel lonesome
when I think how soon every thing
will be dressed in white or gloome.
your Aunt Alice with her friend was hear
to take dinner with us she sendes
her love and best wishes to you also
Mr Mavin was hear and is now he also
sendes love and he thinkes you are just the
woman for that place he is very much
pleased with the way you cary on everything.



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Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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I hope my darling will excuse poor writing
every thing else that is wrong as I am
trying to write by gass light
I can hardly
wait for the time that you will be with us I do hope we will
have a nice time then I am a going to
try and have nothing to do but visit with you
and have a good time,

Akron, O., Sept. 14th 1886.

My dear Mina

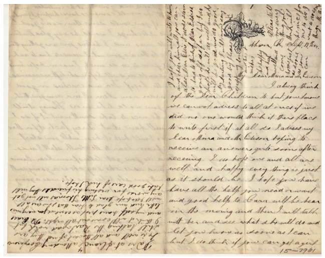
I am so sorry I can not tell you any thing more about Cara as I or we have not heard any thing more than she said she would come when we said Grace wrote her the same day we received her note saying to her come just as soone as convenent for her and we have looked every day since for her or some word but not a word nor a card. Now dear Robbie got home this after noon and he said I had better write and tell you all about Cora and he would advise

15—7962

please except my thankes for the truble you have taken ing to get the Soap Tea and Coffie please let me do something for you. We all join in sending love and best wishes to you and yours. good night if I could I would kiss you but as I cannot to night I will ask Mr Edison to kiss you for me and you kiss him for me also. Good by. your Mother any and we would like for you to select it pa is so buisy he dosenot take time to talk a bout Dea or ay thing I miss Jennie now if you was only near it

me to tell you you had better get a girl there as Cara was a little uncairtain any way now I rather think so to it makes it very hard and unplesent to be a waiting and looking for a girl it makes it unplesent all through the house I would try and get one now and if Cara dose come to us and she would like to go with you if you would like her she may go I think we can get along pretty well if Miss Price comes we have a new girl she came Monday I think mabe we will like her I would try and get a girl there as sooneas I could I am very sory I could not get a good girl for you I hope I can some time or I can do some thing for you my darling,

Robbie and Eddie both enjoyed there visiet with you and Mr Edison also the dear Children or I should say with Dot would be all right I donot think dear little Thomas will mind being called a child I think is a very loving little boy and I do think both love you and it will be easy for you to love them what a nice thing it is to have love it helps in so may ways, Robbie gave me your letter we all read it and hope you feel all right and contented about the little truble that was in the papers I am so glad you have such good opion of your dear pa and Brothers I am glad I sent the papers they are bad enough but not quite a bad as the others now if you would like the papers evey weak or day I will send them to you pleas let me know. pa thinkes a piano would be nice to get for Dea what do you think of it Robbie says not he thinkes there are other things they nead more than that we will have to decide pretty soone we would like a good one or not



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Recipient

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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Akron, O, Sept. 19th 1884.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

I alway think of the dear Children to but you know we cannot adress to all at once if we did no one would think it there place to write first if at all so I adress my dear Mina and Mr Edison hoping to receive an answer quite soone after receving. I do hope one and all are well and happy every thing is just as it should be I hope you have have all the help you nead or want and good help to Cara will be hear in the mornig and then I will talk with her and see what she will do and let you know as soone as I can but I do think if you can get a girl

15—7961

I hope you will write to him and cheer him all you can also dear Edie it does seem to bad to think of dear Eddie going off so far but I do hope he will do well and he will be good and do good. My darling I will now say good by please except my love and best wishes be happy and keep well and come home just as soone as you can

Pleas tell me every thing you think will be nice for me to do I want to do some things Mth

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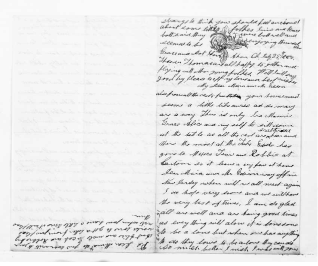
Pa is at Aliance attending Conference he is well and all the rest of us they are still talking the Railroad work but I think it will come out all right. Pa Grace and myself have just received your very nice letter and am glad to hear that you are all well I do hope dear Little Thomas will not get any worse for visting his friendes they will take good care of him I hope.

Eddie and Robbie think you have a vey nice home and you must be contented and happy did Robbie tell you when he thought he would commence house keeping dear boy

there for the present it would be well for you to do so it may be Cara would be nice to go to Florida if you should want her you can talk to her a bout that when you come home Ira would like her to live with them if she dose not like it hear I will find out just as soone as I can and let you know all a bout every thing. When do you effect to come home has Ira tolde you the time yet he telles me it will be the 19th of October do you think Grace can get a dress maid or fixed and will you my dear Mina have time to attend to it a little Jennie has a dress she wantes Grace to have it fixed for that time and Grace wantes to send it to the Lady that maid hers in the sumer I effect you remember who it is do you think it can be fixed hear or in Clevland Mamie says she will were what she has dear Mina how about the little boys

if you could send them some good stockings I would be vey glad Woolen ones and I believe you are getting their clothes are you not it seemes to bad to ask you to do so much I was in hopes Emmie could do it all before she left we received the box of Tea and crackers in good order now dear Mina do you think you would like more Honey it will be nice to take south want it if so I will have Aunt Lucy pack it for thee or I will keep it hear untill you start from hear to the South shall I do so. do you get letters from dear Mamie and dose she say she is a going south with you she tolde me she was a going but I donot remember what you said a bout it she seemes to be having a very nice time where she is now. what are you doing a bout a teacher is this Lady from Canton going to be with you this winter I do hope she will be the one you want.



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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Marvin, Richard Pratt

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strange to think you should feel ancious
about some little folkes Iris and Grace
both said they were both well and
seemed to be enjoying themselves
Grace and Dot Stone Akron O. July 25th 1886.
Theodor Thomas and all happy to gether and
playing with other young folkes, Well I will say
good by please except my love and best wishes
My Dear Mina and Mr Edison
also from all the rest, fun [illegible] your house must
seem a little like oures at so many
are a way There is only Ira Mamie
Grace Alice and my self to sitt down
at the table as all the rest are scattered here and
there the most at the Lake Ecko has
gone to Mexico Jenie and Robbie at
Canton so it leave a very few at home
Dear Mina and Mr Edison way off in
New Jersey when will we all meet again
I do hope very soon and we will have
the very best of times, I am so glad
all are well and are having good times
as every thing will alow it is lonesome
to be a lone but when one has anything
to do they lowe to be alone they can do
so much better I wish I was with you

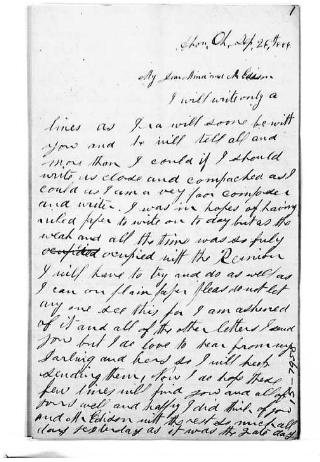
PS Dear Mina do you ever write to your
Aunt Alice and uncle Jacob and Robbie they
would love to get a letter from you pleas
write when you have a little time it will pleas
them.

it is very warm hear to day 2 but we are all well and were at sundayschool and church as
usual, I expect you have letters from the Lake so know how they all are there dont it seem
now we would have such a good time
with those bugs now dear Mina I would
get your Laundress to take that work
on herself and give that house a
good soaking with that Oil and varnish
and I would use a good deal of boil
ing hot salt water I believe that
would kill them to make it as strong
as you can with salt and boiling hot
let her do it while you are hear with
us I would get some one to do it any
way as it will be to hard for you to do it
yourself if the girles do it they will be
more carful afterwards I do hope you
can get them out of the house soone
I would have you man and a girl
do the work I mean that work if I
could be there I would do it for you
or see that it was done I know how
to pitty you,

I had a letter the same day I received
yours from Lenie, and Grace they both
spoke of what a nice time they had at
your delightful home dear Lenie
I wish she had such a home to poor
girl she will never be happy untill she
does get a nice home Mr Marvin
comes in and talkes a bout it and
says he never can have such a home
as you have but he thinks he can have
a good plain home but he feeles as
though that will not please Lenie I feel
sorry for Mr Marvin and Lenie to but it may
all come right sometime,

I do hope my dear ones are well and happy
to day and enjoying themselves very
much do come as soone as you can to
see us please let us know where you wou
ld like to spend the most of your time
while with us pa will be at the Lake at that
time but we can be at either place we like

Lenie thinks I had better address to
you but I will wait untill I hear from you
and if you say and I will so you my look
for it if you say so,



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Akron, Oh., Sep, 26, 1886

My Dear Mina and Mr Edison

I will write only a
lines as Ira will soon be with
you and he will tell all and
more than I could if I should
write as close and compacted as I
could as I am a very poor composer
and writer. I was in hopes of having
ruled paper to write on to day but as the
weak and all the time was so fuly
~~ocupited~~ ocupied with the Reunion
I will have to try and do as well as
I can on plain paper pleas do not let
any one see this for I am ashemed
of it and all of the other letters I send
you but I do love to hear from my
Darling and hers so I will keep
sending them, Now I do hope these
few lines will find you and all of
yours well and happy I did think of you
and Mr Edison with the rest so much all
day yesterday as it was the 2nd day

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Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Akron, Oh., Sep. 26, 1884

My dear Mina and Mr. Edison

I will write only a lines as Ira will soone be with you and he will tell all and more than I could if I should write as close and compacted as I could as I am a very poor composer and writer. I was in hopes of having ruled paper to write on to day but as the week and all the time was so fuly ~~ocupited~~ ocupied with the Reunion I will have to try and do as well as I can on plain paper pleas do not let any one see this for I am ashered of it and all of the other letters I send you but I do love to hear from my darling and hers so I will keep sending them, Now I do hope these few lines will find you and all of yours well and happy I did think of you and Mr. Edison with the rest so much all day yesterday as it was the gate day

15-795R

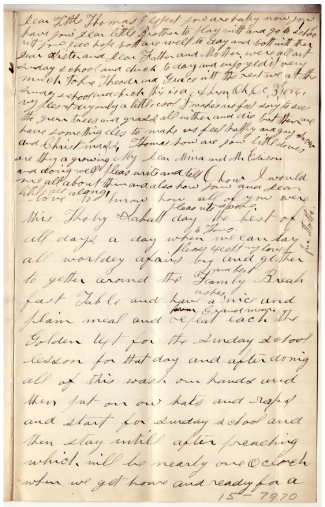
witt the Miller Family I did wish all
off you were hear witt us pa Telegraphed
to you and Dear Mamie we received
answere to Dear Mamies but not any
from Dear Mr Edison or from you for
which we were all very sorry we had a
very plesent time the weather was just
as nice as it could be and every thing
was nice every thing that one wanted to
eat and drink and Musick and every
thing to make things plesent I did think
so much of my dear absent ones but
I hope all were well and happy and having
good times.

Dear Ira starts for your place to day
I donot want him to but he thinks he
was at church all day and it will not
be very much out of the way to start
this after noon it dose make me feel
sorry to think every body has maid
up there mind here is no wrong in cracking
the Commandments there is no wrong
in doing a little letting the Carnival
just smell a little if it would only stop
witt a little but Ah no.

your pa was just saying at the Table
that dear Mamies would be home this
winter witt Miss C Miller so we will not
be so lonely as we expected, dear Maria
Cara was hear acording to agreement
but I would not let her go to work
for us I sent over for the Doctor and
he said Cara could not work O she did
make me as well as all the others feel so
bad we could not have her hear you
remember Anna Rinehart Mrs Snider
Sister Cara is just like she was the Doctor
says she may leave us or died any moment
it maid Cara feel very bad to think I would
not let her work I told her I would rather
let the work go than have her do it we have
no girl yet, but I hope to get a good one as
soon as we can Dear Maria will you
pleas get the boys clothes and stockin
gs good long ones you will know,
and now ~~Ed~~ Grace and myself would
like you to get a bead spread and
a Toilet set for Dear Ira like the one
Aunt Alice gave pa and I this is for Mamie
Grace now do you think we had best some
[illegible], I hope to see [illegible] all of you.

Love to you and Mr Edison witt Marion and Thomas

Dear Grace would like ~~[illegible]~~ you to get
her some gloves if it will not
be to much Trouble.



dear Little Thomas I expect you are happy now you
have your dear little Brother to play with and go to schoo
with you I do hope both are well to day and both with ther
dear Sister and dear Father and Mother. were all at
Sunday school and church to day and enjoyed it very
much John Theodore and Grace with the rest we at the
Sunday school and church this is a Akron Oh, Oc, 3th 1886.
very pleasant day only a little cool it makes me feel sorry to see
the green trees and grass all wither and die but then we
have something eles to make us feel happy and gay and Snow
and Christmass, Thomas how are your little doves
are they a growing My dear Mina and Mr Edison
and doing well pleas write and tell
me all about them and also how your and dear
little get along.

O how I would love to know how all of you were this Holy Sabath day pleas write soone. the best of all days a day when to Thoms. we can lay all worldey afairs please except my love by and gether to gether around the and best Family Break fast Table and have a wishes nice and plain meal and ~~[illegible]~~ Grandma. repeat each the Golden text for the Sunday school lesson for that day and after doing all of this wash our hands and then put on our hats and raps and start for Sunday school and then stay until after preaching which will be nearly one Oclock when we get home and ready for a

from Mother.

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dear Little Thomas I expect you are happy now you
have your dear little Brother to play witt and go to schoo
witt you I do hope bott are well to day and bott witt ther
dear Sister and dear Father and Mother were all at
Sunday school and chuch to day and enjoyed it very
much I hope Theodor and Grace witt the rest were at the
Sunday school and church this is a Akron Oh, Oc, 3th 1886.
very pleasent day only a little cool it makes me feel sorry to see
the green trees and grass all wither and die but then we
have something eles to make us feel happy and gay snow
and Christmass, Thomas how are your little doves
are they a growing My dear Mina and Mr Edison
and doing well pleas write and tell
me all about them and also how you and dear
little get along,

O how I would
love to know how all of you were
pleas rite soone.
this Holy Sabbath day the best of
to Thoms.
all days a day when we can lay
please except my love
all worldey afairs by and gether
and best
to gether around the Famly Break
wishes
fast Table and have a nice and
from Grandma.
plain meal and repeat each the
Golden text for the Sunday School
lesson for that day and after doing
all of this wash our hands and
then put on our hats and rapes
and start for Sunday School and
then stay until after preaching
which will be nearly one oclock
when we get home and ready for a

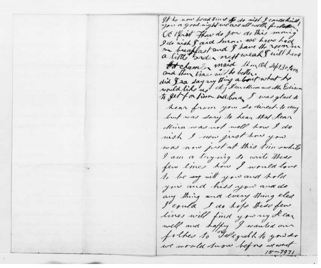
for Mottie.

15-7970

you can and let the rest go for another time take good care of your health be contented donot worry a
bout any thing you keep well and all will be well, Cara and Miss Price are with us but both sick
it may be Cara will go home in the morning she is very poorly I think the docter thinks she will get well. x

nice dinner and a little nice family talk and then read a little and then a nice short walk or drive all to gether all the time talking of the beauties and wonders of nature learning some thing all the time of his loving kind ness after all this we feel that we have spent the day well and wish it was longer that we might have more time for such plesent and profietble learning it seemes to me the Sabath has a diffrent look and every thing seemes so nice and easy I often wonder if every body feeles so I love the Holy day and I love to go to the House of God I do wish every body eles did also, We are all well and was all at sunday school and church as usal if I new how my dear Mina her dear ones all were I would feel all right but as dear Ira brought such word home I can not help feeling a little ancious and have to wish I could hear from you I do hope when I do hear you and

all will be well and all have been to church, Walter Mabray is hear to day he and Ira are talking over future eventes I do hope they both have happy and plesent homes, Cora is in Maslon to day she wanted to visit a little there so she thought now was her best time she and the rest are well and seme to be happy, Robbie took dinner and supper with us yesterday he is well and seems to be happy he says Louise is well he went to Cleveland the other day to meet her but was disapointed it maid him look a little sad so I do think there is something in his loving Miss Igo I do hope they also may have a happy home I think I have fair prospectes for thase of my darlings any way you My dear Mina have a good and kind Husband and every thing as far as this little world can give you to make your home a happy one I am sure now dear Mina be as content and happy as one can be and all will be well with you and yours try and not work so hard but take every thing easy do what



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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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It is now bead time ~~so~~ do wish I could kiss
you a good night we are all well. fr Mother
Oc 1first How do you do this moring
I do wish I did know we have had
our breakfast and I have the room in
a little order nett weak I will have
~~at~~ chamber maid Akr, Oh Sept 30, 1885
and then times will be better.
did Ira say any thing about what he
would like us day Ira Mina and Mr Edison
to get for him all bord, I was glad to
hear from you so direct to day
but was sorry to hear that dear
Mina was not well how I do
wish I new just how you
was now just at this time while
I am a try-nig to write these
few lines how I would love
to be ~~my~~ with you and hold
you and kiss you and do
any thing and every thing eles
I could I do hope these few
lines will find you my dear
well and happy I wanted our
folkes to Telegraph to you so
we would know before we went

15-7971

Well Darling I will say good night I wish you would come just as soon as you
can and then we can have a little visit before the Wedding are they going to keep
house very soon after they are maried I hasnot tolde me yet.
to bead just how you was

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how I do wish there was a Telephone
line from each house so we
could talk just when we pleased
this writing is nice but it takes
to long to get to hear from each
other. what is the matter Darling
if you are sick do please let me
know by Tellegraph just as soone
as you can I do want to know
right a way donot wait one moment
I do feel ancious.
Pa is sitting on the Lounge with me
looking over some papers and the
rest have gone to bead Miss Price
came this afternoon she is not
well Cara was with us last
night she is very poorly I donot
think she will live very long
she can not work at all Darling
have you good girles now I
have not had a chance to ask Ira

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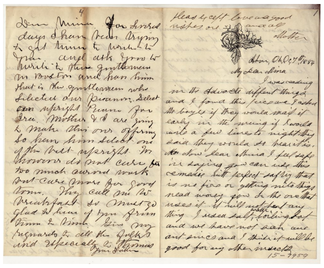
So many others to talk to him and
the railroad took most all the
time Ira was sory you was sick
and could not meet him did you
see the nice Vase Ira got for Cora
I think the one you gave me is the
prettiest just to look at but for flow-
ers his is the best but if I had one
of your nice larg Roses it would
be the nicest did you help or did
you get it for Ira I effect Ira
is very buisy telling Cora every
thing I effect she will know all about
the City and your place before she
gets there She and all the rest of them
are well I have not ben over but once since
you was hear I think Pa will get a
Panio he thinks that will be the best
we can get the other things any time as
they will not cost so much what do you
think would be nice for the little boys
I have not heard from Dear Mamie as
yet I donot know what she would rather get



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Title
[FI001AAP1], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, Lewis Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 7th, 1886

Author

- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Dear Mina. For several
days I have been trying
to get time to write to
you and ask you to
write to the gentleman
in Boston and have him
that is the gentleman who
selected our pianos. Select
an upright Piano for
Ira. Mother & I are going
to make this our offering
so have him select one
of the best upright. We
however do not care for
too much carved work
but care more for good
tone. They call me to
breakfast so must go
glad to hear of you from
time to time. Give my
regards to all the folks
and especially to Thomas
Your Father

---

pleas except love and good
wishes ove [illegible] and all
Mother

Akron, Oh, Oc 7th 1886

My dear Mina

I was reading
in the Advocate diffent things
and I found this piece and I asked
the boys if they would mail it
early in the morning if I would
write a few lines to night they
said they would so hear it is.
~~the~~ Now dear Mina I feel safe
in saying you can use this
remedie with perfect saftey that
is no fire or getting into things
need worry you or the one that
uses it. it will not hurt any
thing I used salt, boiling water ~~hot~~
and we have not seen and
ant since and I think it will be
good for any other insects

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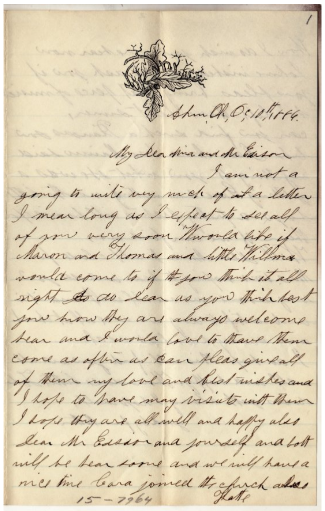
ssoa now while you are cleaing house I would use it do not be afraid of it but use all you can or all that will be neccary pleas try it just powe all over every thing in pantray and kitchen and every where there may be any thing of that kind let the help do it while you are hear, I do hope you can come a little before the set time I am afraid we will not have any visit at all, I do hope this will find you and all your dear ones well and happy we are all well Pa is fast a sleep and you know what a noise he makes when in that state it is strading ten Oclock I think I will stop and go to bead to

I wish I could kiss you a good night. Every body was at the fare to day it was a grate day.

My dear Mima did I never tell you the little boys clothes came all right and I think they will be just what they will nead this winter they are all right and I do thank you so much for your kindness I wish I could do something for you my dear. Dear Ida will soone be gone or we will have a nice daughter and siter,

Poor Cora and Miss Price are no better Cora is a going home in the moring poor girl I am so sorry for her, do try and be very carful of your self do not work to hard it is better to let a little go than to be sick, dear Eddie will soone leave dear boy I do hope he may do well.



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Akrn, Oh, Oc 10th, 1886.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

I am not a
going to write very much of at a letter
I mean long as I expect to see all
of you very soon I would like if
Marion and Thomas and little Willma
would come to if you think it all
right ~~So~~ do dear as you think best
you know they are always welcome
here and I would love to have them
come as often as can pleas give all
of them my love and best wishes and
I hope to have many visits with them
I hope they are all well and happy also
dear Mr Edison and yourself and both
will be here soone and we will have a
nice time Cora joined the church also

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Recipient

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Akron, Oh, Oc 10th 1884.

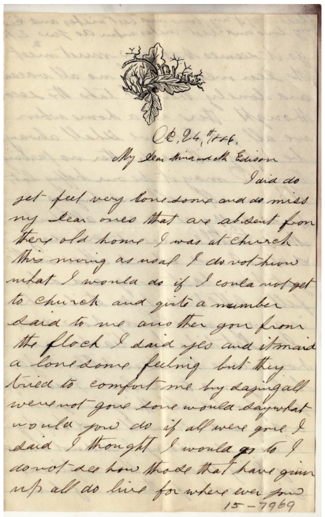
My Dear Mina and Mr Edison

I am not a going to write very much of ~~a~~ a letter I mean long as I expect to see all of you very soon I would like if Maron and Thomas and little Willma would come to if ~~th~~ you think it all right ~~to~~ do dear as you think best you know they are always welcome hear and I would love to have them come as often as can pleas give all of them my love and best wishes and I hope to have many visits with them I hope they are all well and happy also dear Mr Edison and yourself and both will be hear soone and we will have a nice time Cara joined the church also Hattie

15-7964

How I do wish you were hear now
Johne wished me to ask you if
you pleas bring that peice of musick
he left there last sumer,
can you find such a Piano as you
like Dear Mina has Mamma said
any thing to you what she was a
getting Grac has nothing nor the little
boys a pretty picture will be nice for
them if we can find one,
Well Dear Mina I will close for
this time hoping to hear and see you
very soon we are all well and it is
a beautiful day we were all at churc
and sunday school as usal.
I do hope this will find you and all
well and happy. How dose little Johnes
doves gett along I hope well,

good by from Mother



Oc. 24th 1886.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

I did do yet feel very lonesome and do miss my dear ones that are absent from there old home I was at church this morning as usal I do not know what I would do if I could not get to church and quite a number said to me another gone from the flock I said yes and it maid a lonesome feeling but they tried to comfort me by saying all were not gone some would say what would you do if all were gone I said I thought I would go to I do not see how those that have given up all do live for where ever you

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Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Oc, 24th 1886.

My dear Mina and Al Edison

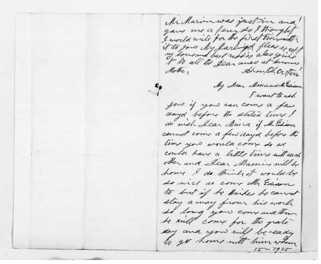
I did do set feel very lone some and do miss my dear ones that are absent from there old home I was at church this morning as usal I do not know what I would do if I could not get to church and quite a member said to me another gon from the flock I said yes and it maid a lone some feeling but they tried to comfort me by saying all were not gone some would say what would you do if all were gone I said I thought I would go to I do not see how those that have given up all do live for where ever you

15 - 7969

pleas except my love and best wishes and kiss Mr Edson for me and give him with the rest
my love and best-wishes when do you expect Ida I hope they will write and tell us when they will come, Mattie

go it seemes that you must meet
the dear ones but ah no all vacant
and lonely then I take the second
thought there is a home when
we all get there we shall always
be happy with each other no parting
there O may it be our happy lot,
We are all well and trying to
be as happy as we can all but
Miss Little were at Sunday
School and church Miss Little
got hear last eving and she
felt a little tired I do think she
is a very nice Lady how dose
dear Lot like her teacher and
how dose the dear little Boyes
like going to School I do hope
you found all thing in good
order and all well and happy
I am so sorry I didnot have
any thing to send them pleas
give each of them my love

and best wishes and tell them
wait them to come and see us
when Vacation comes tell them
all to learn all and evey thing as
fast as they can so they will not
have to go to school so long
pleas give each a kiss for me I
think if Thomes would write to Theodo
he will write to him and I do think it
will do both good to write to each other
Dear Mina will it be to much trouble
to get that spread and those tosseles
and send as soone as you can, I do
wish if we have a reception you
could be hear to help me but I dont
think you can as dear Ida will be
there with you you and Mr Edison can
come if we have one cant you what
do you think about it would you have one
I would love to if I thought we could do
evy thing aright pleas tell me just what
you think of it I feel a fraid we will fail.



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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Mr Marvin was just in and gave me a pen so I thought I would write for the first time with it to you My darlings please except my love and best wishes also give it to all the dear ones at home Mother,

Akron, Oh, Oc 17th 1886

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

I want to ask you if you can come a few days before the stated time I do wish dear Mina if Mr Edison cannot come a few days before the time you would come so we could have a little time with each other and dear Mamie will be home I do think it would be so nice as come Mr Edison to but if he thinks he cannot stay a way from his work so long you come and then he will come for the grate day and you will be ready to go home with him when

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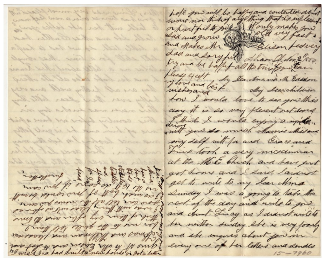
he wantes to go but I do hope
Mr Edison will make arangments
so he can stay some time
with us to do try and come soon
pleas let us know as soon as
you can so we can be ready
I mean have a clean aporan
on and have the carage at the
train to meet you. Dear Mina
I have ben looking at Mc Marvins
foot throw you know what I
mean and Miss Brice and myself
have about maid up our mides
it would cost about as much as
a silk comfort now which would
you get for Ira I wish I had
thought of it soone I am a
fraid we will not have time to
wait for answer from you if
we could only Telephone Pa
wantes you to see the same man
you got your Piano of and have

send an up right to Ira B
am afraid we are asking to
much of you my dear I do hope
you are well and happy also all
the rest of your dear Famaly I
do wish I could see all of you
this evening and talk over things
Dear Mamie will be home the 14th
at least we look for her but what do
you think of the spread and Toilet
set Miss Brice thinks an nice picture
and an Esels would be nice
for the little boys what do you think
of that Eddie Robbins Tin a clock
now darling I wish you and Mr Edison
would tell me what would be nice
and useful Two weakes from to
day time very short we have a
letter from Jennie this morning I will
send it to you so you can read
it and please bring it back with
you. We are all well and happy when

I look at Miss Brice and Clara I feel glad I am well also all the rest of
us it does seem so hard to be half sick. I will say good bye Dear and Dear



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hope you will be happy and contented donot
worie nor think of any thing that is unplesent
or hurtful to you it only makes you
sad and grow old vey fast.
and makes Mr Edison feel very
sad and sorryful

Sharon Oh. Nov. 2th 1889.

try and be happy all the time if you can
please except
my love and best
wishes and

My Dear Mina and Mr Edison

My dear children
how I would love to see you this
day it is so very plesent out doors
I think I would enjoy a ride
driving
with you ~~so~~ much Mamie Miss and
my self with Pa and Grace and
Jennie took a very nice dinner
at the M.E. Church and have just
got home and I said I did not
get to write to my dear Mina
Sunday I was a going to take the
rest of the day and write to you
and Aunt Lucy as I did not write to
her neither Sunday she is very poorly
and she enquires about you in
every one of her letters and sendes

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14 I wish I a had built a new house or got a better one but donot say any thing.
give it to Mr Edison and to Lot and
Thomas and Willman and please rem
ber me to the girles tell them I
think of them vey often and the time
I was with them pleas write as often as
you can tell all the news you can.
I do wish both of you could be with
us the 16th do come if you can

your Mother.

Dear
Mina
how a
fast
those
~~Ashley~~
tables
and
spread
for Joy
feed.

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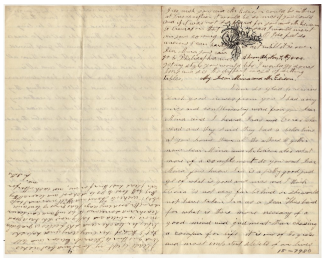
it will be vey nice to all go to chirch to gether, Lime was very much pleasd with his birth day letter and I was also I was glad you had turned over a new leaf now

her love and best wishes to both of you hopes both are happy and always will be I donot think she will be with us or her famaly vey long.

I expect you and Cora with Mr Edison and Ira have had a vey nice time the few past days I am so glad it is so nice and all can have such a nice time with each other enjoying the beautieas of Nature and the workes of man also it is wonderful what man has done and expectes to do yet and still more wonderful and incomprehensive what the all Wise and only Grate one has done it is a grate study and wonderful thing to think of every thing that is,

Since we have ben home we have received a call from Miss Angel she is as she always has ben I like her very much as she can make it so plesent for ones

to talk with her she helpes you do talk She and Miss Cuttler had a little talk so we had to keep a little still for a time Miss Angle tolde us a little about Mrs Renniek and her babe also all the others they are all pretty well and very happy over their dear little Boy there never was such a boy in this country before we have a picture of him and he is quite pretty and nice looking I do hope they may raise him. How dose Lot like her teacher and dose the little boys take any lessones with her I hope they do as I think it will please them and do them good I would get your teacher to pay a little or a good deal of attention to the little boys it will help you so much let them walk and drive out together it will do all so much good if she is a good Christain woman



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[FI001AAQ2], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 7th, 1886

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I do wish you and Mr Edison could be with us at Iras reception it would be so nice if you could and if it was not so hard for you and Mr Edison to travel on that road I would insist on your coming O I do feel so ancious I can hardly wait untill it is over Dear Mina you can go to Philidaphia and get any style you would like I would go some time and see the differt ways of setting tables.

Akron, Oh, Nov, 7th, 1889.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison,

I am so glad to receive such good newes from you I had a very nice and complimenty word from you dear Mina and I heard Iras and Coras letter read and they said they had a better time at your home than all the others together now dear Mina and Mr Edison also what more of a complement do you want dear Mina you know Ira is a pretty good judge of what is good and nice and I think Cora is not very far behind or she would not have taken Ira as a dear husband for what is there more neccary of a good mind and judment than chosing a compan for life it is one of the greates and most importent steps of our lives

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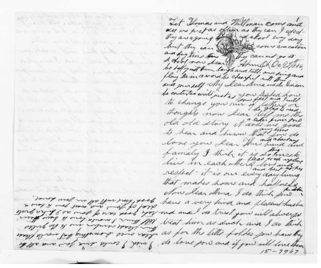
please accept my love and best wishes and give them to dear Mr Edison and tell Dot I think of her evey day and hope she likes her teacher and she feeles a great deal more contented and happy now she has a good teacher and someone to be with and can learn something good evey day. pleas give my love and best wishes to Thomas and Will man and I hope they both love to go to school and learn all they can please kiss them for me, and each other for me.

Mother

it neades a grate deal of thought and care
both before Marage and duble care after
we are maraid it is what shall I do and
how shall I do it is to make my dear
Husband and home happy yes the happiest
and best place on earth there are so may
little things to do and I do not know what is
best to do first and most dear Mina I
have tride to have a home for nearly or
all to all together 30 years and I have not
found any way so pleasing and satis
factory as smiles and kind wordes if
a walk or ride is mentioned be ready and
go now dear Mina I am writing from
experiance if not from example I can
see the may many ways I have done wrong
~~but~~ and now it is to late all I can do is to live in
hopes my dear ones will see and take
warning and not do as I have done but
keep well and happy keep smiles and
kind wordes close by easy to pick up,

Dear Mina Richard has gone to her long
home the last thing she called for was a
drink of cold water and the gass turned
up bright that she might seem them all
she said all looked well and all is
right and then lay her head down on
her pillow and stoped breathing they
had to listen to see if she breathed any
more it was day light when she died but
it was not bright enough she wanted the gass
to make it lighter so she could see better
and all that was around her she is happy now,
Mr Marvin has just come in and I gess
I had better go and speak to him so goodby
for a little time, Well hear I am I did not get a
chance to say any thing to Mr Marvin as pa and he
are talking politices and you know when that
is the subject of conversation there is a very
chance for another subject to be brought up
Mr Marvin lookes well he has ben gone for
two or three weakes at least ever since Ina
left us Docter Goodrich have all moved
into Docter cole's house so now all they
vey near nabores now Docter coles have gone into Docter Goodricks house. Mrs Bonger
is out on the Ocean or about landed on the other shore as she left for Europe the 24th
Mr Bonger goes to Christmass and they come home to gether.



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Let Thomas and Willman come and
see us just as often as they can I expect
they are a going to school every day
but they can come vacation
and any time then they can not go to
school now dear Akron Oh, Oc 27th 1886,
be happy with them laugh and talk and sing and
play too in a word be cheerful with them
and yourself My Dear Mina and Mr Edison
be contented with just as you asked how
you feel and I will
to change your sum of letters or
be glad to read
thoughts now dear tell me the
a letter from you
old old story it does me good
any time
to hear and know that you do
and about any
love you dear Husband and
thing
family I think it is so nice to
pleas except my love
live in each others love and
and best wishes
respect - it is our every day living
that makes home and happiness
[illegible]
Now dear Mina I do think you
have a very kind and pleasent husba
nd and I do trust you will always
treat him as such and I do think
as for the little folkes you have they
do love you and if you will love them

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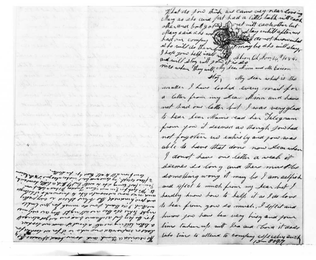
I wish I could send you and all the
dear ones something that would please
them please remember me to the girles
tell them I would love to have them
take good care of you as I think a grate
deal of you and want you to have a
good time with all in your house.

now pleas remeber that tell Dot to come as often as she can she can
spend the time hear while you are at Florada her teacher will her if
you and Mr Edson thinkes so or think it good

they will do just as you would like
them to do now my dear the smarter
and better they grow the more
creadit to you dont stop for
one moment doing all you can
to win them to you and tring
to help them to be smart smarter
the better sing and read and
play with them and any and thing
that will please and make them
happy and will help them to love
you get them to love you and
all will be well talk with dot
all you can ask her how she
likes thing and if she wantes any
thing any thing and evry thing you
can think of buy making them
and others happy you will be happy
and you mind will turns
in a different chanial and evey
thing will seem better be happy
and content try and keep well

dont work to hard but sing and
read a grate deal also talk
say any thing that will make one
laugh and feel good I am glad
you teacher that you have for
dot likes to attend Church I
would get her to read and
tell littles things to pleas all I
think a harty laugh does one
good laugh all you can and
make others to, we had a letter
from Ira and Cora I expect they
will have a nice time with you and
found they are well and happy
now I think it rather a nice sam
ple I believe you do to my pen
is not very good I think it neades
a little more ink I wish you could
come home with Ira and Cora Mr
Edson to now I want you to rember
every time I ask or wish you could
come home I mean Mr Edson also and
any of the children that can come all if they can



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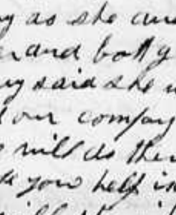
What do you think we came very near loosing Mary as she and Jat had a little talk with each other and both got  out with each other but Mary said she wo[illegible]ld stay untill after we had our company I donot know what she will do then but it may be she will stay, I hope your help is all rig[illegible] and will stay with you it is so nice when they will,

Akron Oh, Nov, 14th 1884.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

Stay, My dear what is the matter I have looked every mail for a letter from my dear Mina and have not had one letter but I was very glad to hear dear Mamie read her Telegram from you it seemed as though you had not forgoten us entirely and you was able to have that done now dear when I donot have one letter a weak it seemes so long and there must be something wong it may be I am selfish and expect to much from my dear but I hardly know how to help it as I do love to hear from you so much, I expect and know you have ben very busy and your time taken up with Ida and Cora it does take time to attend to company especially such

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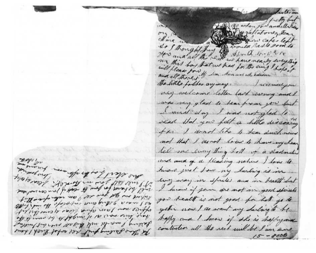
We received a Trunk and some bead spreads the lace or imbroided one who is it for we looked for a letter telling us all about it and we looked for the key but as Mamie had one we got along all right the clothes are all right they are very nice we think. I do thank you so much for your trouble and your kindness the blue spread is very pretty and nice now we would like to know who it belonges to. We look for Gra ma and Cora Tuesday We had a letter from Jennie last evening she is well but I think a little homesick, 2 pleas except. my love and best wishes also give it to Mr Edison love from all to all. Good by. Your Mother.

company as they. We are feeling very ancious at present on acount of the reception of next Tuesday eving I can hardly wait for it to be over as I would like to know how it will go off it seemes so strang to think we would undertake such a thing any way if we had some one to go on and take charge of every thing it seemes we might think of it but we doing all ourselves it seemes we can not do it as it aught to be done but we are in for it now and we must try and do the best we can O how I do wish you and Mr Edison could be with us if it had not ben so hard for you and Mr Edison I would insisted on you coming I do hope we will all be together Christmass I wish I new what nice thing I can get for that time but there is a little time for that so I will wait a while yet. How do you do any way are you well and happy I do hope so it must seem a little like resting now as Ira and Cora are through with and they say they had there best time with you it seemes so nice and restful to have our visitors say such things a bout us it seemes to take tired a way I am so glad dear Mina you have such a kind Husband to help you to make your home so plesent and restful how hard it is when Husband is so short and carless a bout friendes that visit us both have to be of one mind and feeling to make an success of anything Those dear Children how are they do they like there teacher you have in the house with you I do hope so and they have very nice and happy times with her they will learn a grate deal of good and nice things of her Miss Cattle is so poorly all the time she is not very much company for us she has not ben down n stairs for two days she seemes to feel so poorly all the time it seemes as though we have the luck of having sich folkes with us this winter Miss Brice is very poorly Cara is as poorly as she can be and keep up I do not think either of them will live long they both want to go south but neither of them are able to work so you do not need or want them to go with you



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[illegible] lastin
[illegible] pretty but
no[illegible] as when you and Mr Ellis
on [illegible] rattlatones, Dear
Mina w[illegible] a [illegible] few cakes left
so I thought they would taste good to

Akron O. Nov 11th 88

you and all the rest we have nearly everything
in this box that we had for the ring I hope it
will please you and all the rest

Mrs Lew Miller to Mrs Edison

the little folkes any way. I received you
very welcome letter last evening and I
was very glad to hear from you but
I must say I was not glad to
read that you felt a little discourag^ed^
for I donot like to hear such news
not that I donot love to have my dear
tell me every thing both of a sadnatu
and and of a pleasing nature I love to
know just how my darling is in
evry way in spirits and in health but
I know if you are not in good spirits
you health is not good for both go to
gether now I do want my darling to be
happy and I know if she is happy and
contented all the rest will be I am sure

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P.S. Dear Darling first^4^ see what luck I have
darling I would write this all over but I will not
have time now as it ought to be over to the
office now I am afraid please excuse this just
as I was a getting and envelope the ink bottle
tipped over ~~got~~ you see I am rather afraid that it
will be hard for you to read if you can not read
it I will tell you in the next. please excuse
She start [illegible] the afternoon
love good night
from one and
all, Mother

Mr Edison will be happy and glad all the time and all will be well with him now my dear donot in the least feel discouraged but live in hopes of better days in a little time last evening while the Ladys and Gentlemen were coming and going quite a number would ask a bout Mina and some would say Mrs Edison and some say one can hardly tell how they are the first year after being Maried every thing was so different and so many things to learn and to do but after a little they would learn the easiere they took things and not worre the better all around both for self and famaly and friendes in every way now be happy and contented go out all you can both to call and drive take the little follkes with you and talk with them tell them everything that will pleas them and win them to you try and get them to think and feel towards you as there was no other person like you truly and love them as they will love you and Mr Edison will be perfectly happy. We had quite a little gathering hear last eving and all seemed to enjoy themselves and every thing passed off verry nicely but I did miss my dear ones that were absent I did feel all the time if Mr Edison and Mina were only hear all would be right and if it was not so hard for you to travel on the Cars I would not take no for an answer but you both should be hear, Mamie Grace and Jane were up to call on Ira and Cora this moring they had just finished there breakfast and Ira was hanging a picture the one that uncl Jacob gave them Cora and Hatty were up stairs doing some little thing or had started to do something but it was rather early so they had not any of them done any thing that amounted to any thing I think they will have a very pretty home when they get it all fixed up it will take a little time to do that

we h[illegible] the Library[2] trimmed with smilax and a yoak of flowers [illegible] the [3] readers [illegible] a horse shoe in front of the grate and a horne of plenty on a stand in the corner and a larg box of plants on the [illegible] and plants in four corners of the room that was about all of

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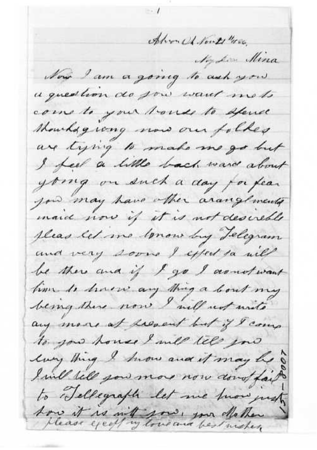

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Akron O Nov 21st 1886

My dear Mina

Now I am a going to ask you a question do you want me to come to your house to spend thanksgiving now our folkes are tying to make me go but I feel a little back ward about going on such a day for fear you may have other aranglments maid now if it is not desireble pleas let me know by Telegram and very soone I expect pa will be there and if I go I donot want him to know any thing a bout my being there now I will not write any more at present but if I come to your house I will tell you every thing I know and it may be I will tell you more now donot fail to Tellegraph let me know just how it is with you. your Mother

Please except my love and best wishes

15-8007

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Title

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Editor's Notes

15-8007.

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

Miller, Robert Anderson

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Akron Oh Nov 21st 1886,

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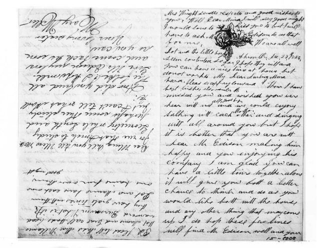
Please except my love and best wishes,

15-0007

PS Dear Mina I have nothing
nice to were Shall I come with what
I have and will you come home
with me or us that is Pa and I,
Has Robbie wrote to you a bout his
getting maried so soone and are you
a going to his Wedding he has not
tolde me any thing as yet but he
has asked Mamie to be brides maid,
Dear Mina your last letter was a
charming letter it is just such a
lette as I love to read you love
and you will be loved and keep
on doing to others as you would
they should do to you, it did me
so much good to read your letter
may God alway be your true and
loving friend always go to hime
and tell him all your cares and he will
help you if you trust and believe him
Your Mother



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Title

[FI001AAU], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, December 28th, 1886

Editor's Notes

15-8008. Miss you, but "I hope it is better that you are with Dear Mr. Edison making him happy and you enjoing his company I am glad you can have a little time together alone." You will have time to think and do what you would like with the house, etc. "Dot and Grace with quite a number of other young folkes are out coasting." "Oakley Herich and the four little boys have all gone to bead and are sleeping." Mrs. Wright came to call on you and was sorry you had left. "Dot and the little boys seem contented so far I hope they will and you can have a nice time at home"

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily

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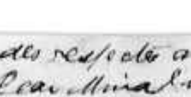
Mrs Wright sendes respectes and good wishes to
you, Well Dear Mina I will say good night
I would love to kiss you to but I will
have to ask Mr Edison to do that
for me, We are all well
Dot and the little boys



Akron O., Dec. 23/1886,

seem contented so far I hope they will and
you can have a nice time at home but
donot work to My Dear Darling Mina
hard, pleas except my love and Thow I have
best wishes also remember to
missed you and wished you were
all, good bye
hear with us and we could enjoy
Mother
talking with each other and singing
with all around you but I hope
it is better that you are with
dear Mr Edison making him
happy and you enjoying his
company I am glad you can
have a little time together alone
it will give you both a better
chance to think and do as you
would like both with the house,
and any other thing that may come
up I do hope these few lines
will find Mr Edison well and your

PS Pleas tell Miss Mac Willams
that Mamie and Grac call those bead
warmers Burnam What is it?
they have grate times with them
Dot and Mamie have each one
one haing from over them
good night

Dear Mina Will you tell Miss McW.
for me that I wish to study
Geometry while South and
perhaps some other study
but I can't tell what it will
be.

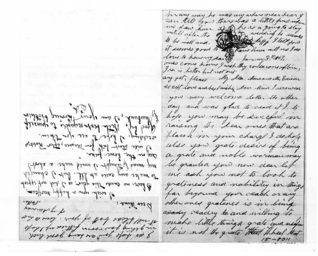
How did you find all
the folks? I hope well.
Give Mr Edison my love
and come back as soon
as you can.

Your Loving sister
Mary Miller.

each ather sroow I can not get there name just now Mrs Wrights Mother is bured
near or in Orange some place Mrs Wright said she passed your house when

self as well as circumstances will
allow I am sory my dear one
will not have many well days for
a little time but I do hope she
will be well paid for her bad
feelings and all will be joy and
happiness,
We are all well but do miss so
many it makes one feel sad and
wonder what to do to make up
for the missing ones you dear
pa has not ~~got~~ retired home yet but I
hope he is well and safe Ira was
up and had on his clothes to day
so he is better the children are
all well Lot and Grace with
quite a number of other young
folkes are out a coasting they
say it is splendid coasting now
Mamie went to a concert with Mr
Oakley Therich and the four
little boys have all gone to bead

and are a sleep so Miss Brice and
she Buried her Mother.
my self are the only ones in the room
just now with the exception of the
fire it is very quiet hear and it is
a nice time to write a few lines to my
dear Mina I wanted to write all day
yesterday and to day but could not get
a chance as in the moning we took
the tree over to the church we left
every thing on we could but it took
quite a little time to do what we did
I had hardly finished when Mrs
Tate came in and spent the rest of
the day with us Mr Marion has been in
a good deal to it seemes as though the
time is all taken up some way I hardly
know how. Mrs Wright came in to
call on you and she was very sory to
find you were gone she thought you
was a going to stay all the week she
wished very much to see you she said she
hoped you and some of there folkes that
lives near you will get acquainted with



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Title

[FI001AAV], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 3rd, 1887

Editor's Notes

15-8011. Hope you can be successful raising the dear little ones that have been placed in your charge. I hope you will not be so disgusted with the way we keep the little folks that you will never want them to come and make another visit but you will let them come as often as you and Mr. Edison think well for them. We have enjoyed their being with us very much. All seemed to be very pleasant and happy with each other. I think Grace and Dot have enjoyed each other's company very much.

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Grace A

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in any way he was any where near dear I
can tell you there was a little fuss when
we saw him he is a going to stay
until after the wedding he seemes
to be well and happy I tell you
it seemes good to have him with us I do
love to have my dear January 3rd 1887,
ones come home I wish they could come often,
Ira is better but not out
any yet, please My dear Mina and Mr Edison
except love and best wishes dear Mina I received
your very welcome letter the other
day and was glad to read it I do
hope you may be succeful in
raising the dear ones that are
placed in your charge I do hope
also your grate desire of being
a grate and noble woman may
be granted you now dear let
me ask you not to look to
grateness and nobility in things
far beyound your reach or any
other ones grateness is in being
~~ready~~ readey ~~to~~ and willing to
make little things grate and usefu
it is not the grate ~~that~~ Wheel that

15-8011

I do hope you are having good luck
in geting your room fitted up I hope
it will pleas both of you. love to both
of my dear ones
Mother

Dear Mina;

I wish you a happy New Year.

I have no cards this year, as I did not expect to make any calls at all. but I changed my mind & thought I would make a short call on the home folks.

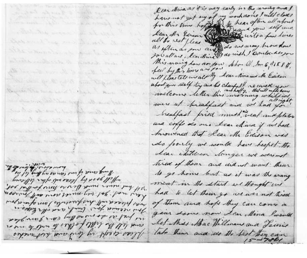
I will start back for Mexico, after Robt's wedding. I hope to see you then.

Good by, With best regards to yourself & husband, I am your Loving brother

Ed.

dost all the work of grateness and usefulness but the very little wheel that we think of the least importance is the most needful let us be very carful of the little acts see that every little thought and feeling is full of love and willingness those two are the grate wheel that keep the little ones in order if they are full of oil and well trimed or ready for use, try dear and keep your lamp well trimed and oil in your vesels, It is hard to live evey day and all the time just as we would like but grater the cross grater the blessing and richer the crown.. dear Mina how I would love to help you in evey way if I could I do hope you will except my wishes and hopes of seeing you enjoying your grate desire

Now Dear Mina I hope you will not be so disgusted with the way we have keeped the little folkes so you will never want them to come and make us another visit but you will let them come as often as you and Mr Edison thinks it well for them to be with us you know we you know I am a poor Mother I cannot do as a Mother should do but there are others in the house that may do something for them if they would I hope you will let them come whenever they think they would like to come we have enjoyed there being with us vey much I donot think the little boys had one hard word or feeling with either of them all seemed to be vey plesent and happy with each other I think Grace and Dot have enjoyed each others company vey much everyone has enjoyed them selves vey much I think we did not get the boys hair cut for I was afraid it was to cold it is vey cold hear and it is cold on the cares so we thought better to wait until it is a little warmer, dear Mina what do you think New years morning Effie came in without knocking or ring bell or letting us know in



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Title

[FI001AAW], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, January 6th, 1887

Editor's Notes

15-7861.If we had known TAE was so poorly, we would have kept the children longer. We were not tired of them. Hope they can come again. For your and TAE's sake be contented and make your home happy with smiles and kind words. Sorry TAE is so poorly and there are fears you won't make the wedding [Robert Miller and Louise Igoe's]. I hope the children get home safe. Dreaded to see them start alone. They seemed all right with it. Let Miss MacWilliams and Lewis take care of them. Take care of TAE. Tell him to get well and come see us and have a good rest. He and Ira could have a good time. Glad you received your trunk and TAE was pleased with his presents. I am afraid you haven't got much done with your rooms yet.

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- McWilliams, Sarah
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Edison, William Leslie
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Lewis Alexander

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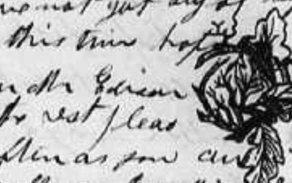
Dear Mina as it is very early in the morning and I
have not yet any of my work done I will close
for this time hope  to hear often all about
and your self and
dear Mr Edison write a few lines
all be rest pleas
as often as you can do we may know how
you all are, dear Mina I do wish I could see you
this morning how are you Akron O, Jan 6th 1887,
feel by this time are you
well pleas tell me all My dear Mina and Mr Edison
about your self try and be cheerful I received your
and happy. that will make home
welcome letter this morning while we
all right,
were at breakfast and we had for
breakfast fried mush, veal and potatoes
and coffe so on. dear Mina if we had
knowned that dear Mr Edison was
so poorly we would have keepet the
dear children longer we were not
tired of them and did not want them
to go home but as it was the arang
meat in the start we thought we
had to let them go we wer not tired
of them and hope they can come a
gain some now dear Mina I would
let Miss Mac Willmans and Jennie
take them and do the best they can
15-7861

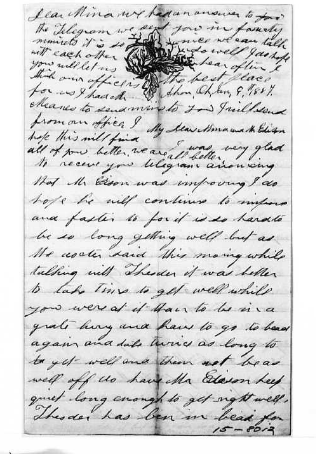
Pleas exsept my love and best wishes
and tell the little folkes to write to me or
us just as soone as they can I am glad
you recived your trunk, and Mr Edison
was pleased with his presentes I am afraid you
have not got very much done with your room
yet but never mind there is time for that yet.
Well good by pleas write often tell every
thing and if we can do any thing let us
know soone. with love Mother

with them I would feel perfectly contented and happy do not let them make you feel any other ways try for Mr Edison and your own sake be contented and happy make your home happy with smiles and kind wordes and all will be well

I am so sorry that dear Mr Edison is still so poorly and there are feares you cannot get to the Wedding I am very sorry indeed but what can not be helped we have to make the best of it and let it pass by as easy as we can I do think dear Robbie and also Louis and this Igo will feel very sorry not to have you with them but I know they will excuse both of you and think it all aright under the circumstances it is a long and tiresome trip and will take a good deal of time and hard work Theodore is sick this morning I think he had a chill yesterday

and the fever has not left him since but I hope he will soone get better I hope the dear children got home safe and all well it was so cold and is still cold I did dread to see them start a lone to but they with the rest thought they were all right and every thing was all right and I hope it was and all is right now dot and the boys will tell you why we did not have there hair cut it was so cold we were afraid they would take cold I would not be in a hurry about it while it is so cold now pleas let Miss MacWilliams and Louise take care of them and you do not worry a bout them or any thing but be happy and take good care of dear Mr Edison try and get him well just as soon as you can please give him my love and best wishes and tell him to be carful of himself and get well just as soon as he can and then come and stay a little while with us and have a good rest he and dear Ira could have a nice time with each other if they were with

each other Ira has not been out any yet the^{2} Doctor says he sick to much saturday and was not so well for it the house was full of men all day talking buisness it was to hard for Ira he was^{3} in yesterday Ira seemed better



Akron, Oh, Jan. 9, 1887.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

I was very glad to receive your telegram anouncing that Mr Edison was improving I do hope he will continue to improve and faster to for it is so hard to be so long getting well but as the docter said this moring while talking with Theoder it was better to take time to get well while you were at it than to be in a grate hurry and have to go to bead again and take twice as long to to get well and then not be as well off do have Mr Edison keep quiet long enough to get right well. Theoder has been in bead for

15-8012

Dear Mina we had an answer to your the Telegram we sent you in fourty minuets it is so [illegible] nice we can talk with each other [illegible] so well I do hope you will let us [illegible] hear often I think our office is the best place for us I had the chances to send mine to you I will send from our office I hope this will find all of you better we are all better.

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Title

[FI001AAX], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, January 9th, 1887

Editor's Notes

15-8012. Glad to get telegram that TAE is improving. Have TAE keep quiet till he is better. What will you do if TAE gets sick in the South? You had better take a doctor with you or at least have a full supply of medicine. Get all the directives. Maime [Mary] is pleased to be going with you. Glad the kids got home safe. I would not have let them go. I wish you would let them come here again. I didn't do much for them. Thought they might not like it. Wanted them to have a good time. I will send Willie's vest and Dot's cuffs. [Notes from John and Cora are included].

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, William Leslie
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)

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Dear Mina we had an answer to your the Telegram we sent you in twenty minuets it is so nice we can talk with each other so well I do hope you will let us hear often I think our office is the best place for us I had the chance to send mine to you I will send from our office I hope this will find all of you better, we are all better.

Akron, Oh, Jan, 9, 1887.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

I was very glad to receive your telegram anouncing that Mr Edison was improving I do hope he will continue to improve and faster to for it is so hard to be so long getting well but as the doctor said this morning while talking with Theodore it was better to take time to get well while you were at it than to be in a great hurry and have to go to bead again and take twice as long to to get well and then not be as well off so have Mr Edison keep quiet long enough to get right well. Theodore has been in bead for

I did not go to sunday school nor church to day on acount of Theodor being sick but all the rest went it seems so nice to have Carrie with me I will be so glad when dear Ira can come over to see me I want him to come to day for dinner I tell dear they are and I carfell you it seems good to have them hear Ira seems pretty well I with all the rest are glad he is as well as he is.

four days with the soar throat and his theeth he has five teeth comming all at once I never saw such a soar looking mouth for one that was sick so short a time but he is better this moring the docter says he must keep still for a few days yet the rest of us are well dear Ind is still improving but the docter dose not want him to go out yet as it is so very cold and snowe what will you do if Mr Edison should get sick whils at the south I do hope he will not but we can not tell you had better take a docter with you or at leat lay in a full supplie of Medicen to take with you and get all the directiones in full so you or any one can use them it is best to be on

the same side be well suplied with evey neccesity and how just how and when to use them I do hope you will all keep well and have a happy and profhitable time dear Mamie is very much pleased to think she can go I hope she will be a good girl and be good company for you and the rest I do hope she will not make any difference in your planes and she can do something that will help you. I am glad the dear childeren got home safe but I am sorry I did not know more about it Edison I would not have let them gone home when they did now if they do wore you or make to much noise I wish you would let them come hear we will do the best we can for them I did not do much for them as I was afraid they would not like it I wanted them to have as good a time as they could whill hear I hope this will find all well and Mr Edison feeling better I do hope you are well as can be expected I do wish you would write and tell me just how you feeland if I can do any thing for you write in a letter by its self so no other one can get it the other way every one gettes it and reades it before I can do a few lines private will be all right

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Dear Mina.

I am going to write to you and see if you will get us something will you if you will you can get us some type some Script type for printing names on cards. Will you get us some cards and some accounts for names tell Thomas and William we are lonesome without them. Well good by John

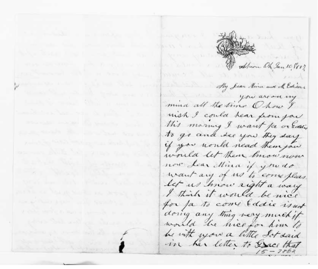
"Kiss from John"

All send love to all shal I send Willie wrist and Lots cuffs. good by love from Mother.

Dear Mina:

Ira and I are over to your house for dinner it being the first time Ira has been out. He is getting along finely and quite unruly. For you know him of old as a very naughty naughty boy. Cora -

Ira sends love & we hope Mr Edison is improving.



Akron Oh, Jan 10th 1887

My dear Mina and Mr Edison
you are on my
mind all the time O how I
wish I could hear from you
this morning I want pa or Eddie
to go and see you they say
if you would need them you
would let them know now
now dear Mina if you do
want any of us to come pleas
let us know right a way
I think it would be nice
for pa to come Eddie is not
doing any thing very much it
would be nice for him to
be with you a little Dot said
in her letter to Grace that
15-7862

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[FI001AAY], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, January 10th, 1887

Title

[FI001AAY], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, January 10th, 1887

Editor's Notes

15-7862.. It would be good for Pa or Eddie to come see you. Dot said in her letter to Grace that you had a nurse. If you would send the children here I would take care of them. I hope Miss MacWilliams does take care of them and you have no trouble with anything but caring for TAE. I feel afraid TAE is worse than you let us know. Anything we can do to help?

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- McWilliams, Sarah
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Miller, Lewis
- Edison, William Leslie
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Grace A

Date

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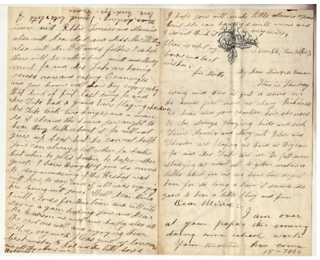
Akron Oh, Jan 10, 1887

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

you are on my mind all the time O how I wish I could hear from you this morning I want pa or Eddie to go and see you they say if you would nead them you would let them know now now dear Mina if you do want any of us to come pleas let us know right a way I think it would be nice for pa to come Eddie is not doing any thing very much it would be nice for him to be with you a little Dot said in her letter to Grace that

you had a nurse I am glad
of that but it is hard and
lonesome for you any way
now if the children could come
hear I would do all I could
for them I do hope Miss Mac
Willmas dose take care of them
and you have no truble with
any thing but do all you can
for Mr Edison but do not
make your self sick I do wish
I knew just how you felt
this moring I would love
to help you if I could.
it is very cold hear now.
Ira is better Theodor to but
he is not out of bead poor
little boy he has had a hard
time for a while past.
I do hope this will find all better
I expected a letter this moring but
have not as yet recevid one

I feel afraid Mr Edison is
worse than you let us know
I do wish you would write if it
is only a few lines so we
may know a little how all are
and tell us if we can do any good
in any way Eddie will come
and stay a little time if you
want him to do let us know
if there is any thing we can do
and do not work to hard your
self but take as good care of your
self as you can dont think you are
up to much at night. rest all
you can pleas except my love
and best wishes tell me every
thing good or bad just as it is.
pleas excuse this poor writing as
it is in a hurry and a poor pen
pleas write often tell every
thing how Mr Edison is and your
self rember me to all pleas except
my love and best wishes from Mother



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[FI001AAZ1], Letter from Martha Lake, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 21st, 1887

Title

[FI001AAZ1], Letter from Martha Lake, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 21st, 1887

Editor's Notes

15-7864. Mary Valinda writes: Sorry you and and TAE can't be here for Robbie's wedding. I hope you and TAE will have a good time with Robbie, Louise and Mamie, also with Dot and Miss McWilliams and Mr. Gilliland's folks. I keep wondering if the bishop is with you today. Give my love to Dot and the little boys.###Martha Lake appends a note: "As I write pleasant memories of you as an early friend, and the wish that blessings the brightest, may ever be yours." Edward has just come in, also John and Theodore.

Author

- Lake, Martha
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Foster, Randolph Sinks
- McWilliams, Sarah
- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Miller, John Vincent
- Gilliland, Ezra Torrance
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, William Leslie
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Akron, Oh, Jan. 21st 1887.

My Dear Mina & Mr Edison

This is Thursday evng and there is just a stire in the house just now as Mary Perkines is hear and you rember how she used to be always playing hide and seek Jenie Mamie and Mary with John and Theoder are playing as hard as they can pa and Mrs Take are in the pattoons studying as usal all to gether makes a little stir for us we have been so quiet hear for so long a time it seemes so good to hear a little play and fun

Dear Mina:-

I am over at your papa's this evening doing some school work. Your Mother has come

15-7864

time with Robbie Louise and Mamie also with Dear Dot and Miss MacWilling also with Mr Gill and folkes I do hope there will be nothing but mirth and Merey ment pa and Mrs Take are having recess now and eating Aranangles and you know well how they enjoy eating that kind of fruit last evng pa and Mrs Take had a grand time playing checkers. Mrs Take took two kinges and a man so it cleard the board you aught to hear they talk about it pa will not give up beat but he cannot help you can always tell when pa beates but when he gets beaten he keeps rather quiet. I have thought of you so much to day wondering if the Bishop was with you to day and if all was enjoying his being with you, Well dear Mina I will close for this time and will write soone again hoping you and dear Mr Edison is well and happy also all the rest are well and enjoying them selves very much pleas give my love and best wishes to Dot and the little boys and all the others in the house.

Mina, darling - I send lots & lots of love. Good-bye - Grace.

I hope you will make little Mamie a good girl she can hardly smile now and I donot think it very nice, pleas except my love and best wishes,

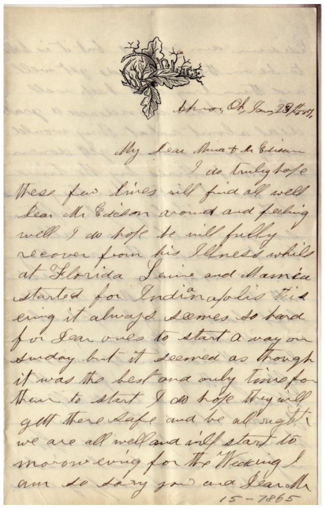
fm Mother

in and placed this letter before me. saying write a few lines to Mina - so here it goes. As I write pleasant memories of you as an early friend, and the wish that blessings the brightest, may ever be yours. Edward has just come in, also John & Theodor. I will not write more - but close the letter, hoping the winds of the evening may waft a "good-night" to you.

Lovingly.
Mrs. Lake

Now dont you think this very kind in Mrs Lake while pa and Eddie were talking money business she took the

and paper and wrote all of this. Saturday eving I expect we will have a house full as the Missionary society meets hear it is a coming at a bad time to as we want to leave home on Monday but I am a going to do as little as I can for fear I will get the head ach if I do very much. Eddie and Cora have just got home from Cleaveland getting some things for dear Robbie O I am so sory you and dear Mr Eddison can not be with us at the time of his Marage or Wedding but we have to try and make the best of it and it may be all for the best we can not always tell what is for the best let us try and be contented and happy let the sun shine in our faces and wordes of love and cheerfulness always flow from our lips and hart there is nothing so good ~~as~~ and helpful as contment and love, I do hope you with dear Mr ~~&~~ Eddison will have a happy and nice



Akron, Oh, Jan 23/87

My Dear Mina & Mr Edison
I do truly hope
these few lines will find all well
Dear Mr Edison around and feeling
well I do hope he will fully
recover from his Illness while
at Florida Jennie and Mamie
started for Indianapolis this
eving it always seemes so hard
for Dear ones to start a way on
sunday but it seemed as though
it was the best and only time for
them to start I do hope they will
gett there safe and be all right
we are all well and will start to
morow eving for the Wedding I
am so sorry you and Dear Mr
15-7865

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Title
[FI001AAZ2], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, January 23rd, 1887

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Akron, Oh, Jan, 23/1887,

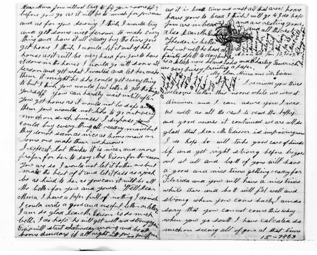
My Dear Mina & Mr Edison

I do truly hope these few lines will find all well dear Mr Edison around and feeling well I do hope he will fully recover from his Illness while at Florida Jennie and Mamie started for Indianapolis this eving it always seemes so hard for dear ones to start a way on sunday but it seemed as though it was the best and only time for them to start I do hope they will gett there safe and be all right. we are all well and will start to morow eving for the Wedding I am so sorry you and dear Mr

15-7865

Edison can not go but it is better
to be on the safe side yet well
and then try and keep well
Mamma has wondered a grate
deal about what they would
do if you did not gett down
to Fort Mires by the time
they did I told her they should
write and Telagraph often
so you will know all a
bout each other and they
can do what they think best
with there time, Miss Little
left last evnig I expect she
is with Miss Upson,
dear Mina I will write soon
after getting home from the
Wedding and try to tell all
I can about it and every
thing eles, pleas except
my love and best wishes
and try and be happy and

contented that is the true
way to keep well, please
remember ~~true~~ me to dear Mr Edison
also the little folkes the little boys
will miss you and there pa I
think so any way, pleas ~~com~~
give my respectes to Mama
Mrs Edison and all that are
with you O yes Miss Mac Williams
I do hope you and all will have
a nice time at Fort Myers
this year I will close for
this time hoping you and all
are well and happy it seemes
so long before I can see you
dear Mina,
Well good by with much
love and good wishis I
remain your Mother



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[FI001AAZ], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 13th, 1887

Title

[FI001AAZ], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 13th, 1887

Editor's Notes

15-7863. Received your letter at noon. We're glad TAE is improving. Hope you both will have a good time getting ready for Florida. Hoped you would come to see us on your way South or on your return. Hope you can come and stay till after the wedding. TAE can stay with me and you go with Cora. Robbie and Louise will be disappointed if you aren't at the wedding. I think it would be better to pack everything together. I told Maime to take anything that is nice. It would be nice, if not better, to take the little boys. If you leave the boys with other folks they will become attached to them, although it will be easier for you not to take them. Talk to TAE. See what he thinks about it and then do as he likes. I would try not to mention or think anything about Dot. Try to please her and above all please TAE. Can't please everyone. Don't try to fix up your room now. Get someone to do the sewing. "I expect Dot thinkes it is nicer and more proper for her to say Mrs. Edison for the reason you are so I would not let it bother me." Be kind to her. Eddie will start Saturday and be at your home Sunday, if all right with you.

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, William Leslie
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)

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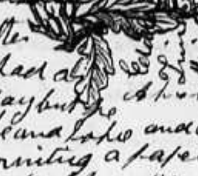
Dear Mina you will not try to fix your rooms off before you go as it will be to much for you now and as for your sewing I think I would try and get some nice person to make every thing and have it all ready by the time you get home I think I would let it out of the house as it will be very hard for you to have it done in the house I would go with some nice person and get what I wanted and let her make them it might be she could get every thing to but I think you would feel better to get the things yourself you can hardly wait untill after you get home as it would not be safe and then you would not like to go out very much on such buiness I suppose you could buy every thing all ready maid but they donot seem as nice as home maid or some one make them we know.

I expect Dot thinks it is nicer and more proper for her to say Mrs Edison for the reason you are so I would not let it bother me but make the best of it and let it pass as a joak be as kind to her as you can it will be all the better for you and yours. Well dear Mina I have a paper full of nothing I do wish I could write a good and useful letter or letters. I am so glad dear Mr Edison is so much better I do hope he will get well and strong again Edie will start Saturday moring and be at home Sunday if all right with you and family

as it is bead time and most all that are at home have gone to bead I think I will go to I do hope you are in bead and are resting good also Dear Mr Ed and all the rest



Theodor is better but not well he had a fainty spell to day but he is a sleep now Lewis Lake and Charley Goodrich are very busy printing a paper.

Edison Give Lewis Marion Love from Grandma sleighing riding this evening Pa is at Meadville Chautauqua business

Akron Oh. Jan. 13, 1887.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

I received your thrice welcome letter this noone while we were at dinner and I can assure you I was as well as all the rest to read the happy and good news it contained we are all so glad that dear Mr Edison is improving now I do hope he will take good care of himself and get right strong before he goes out at all and both of you will have a good and nice time getting ready for Florida and you will have a nice time while there and both will feel well and strong when you come back. I am so sorry that you cannot come this way when you go south I have calcated so much on seeing all of you at that time

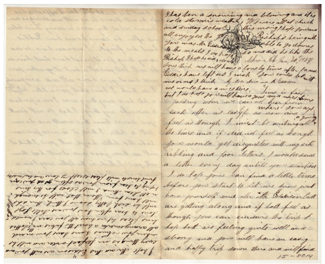
All well hope this will find you the same with love to you and Edison and all good night from Mother.

15-7863

but if we donot get to see each othe at that time I hope we will on your returne home now donot make any other arrangements for I do want to see you then I think it would be nice if you could come hear and Mr Edison could stay hear untill after the Wedding you go with Cora and I will stay with Mr Edison dear Robie will feel so disapointed as well as Miss Ige to not have both of you there but I fear it would be a long ride for Mr Edison he had better stay with us and you go and then go from hear south Ira is so much better there is no dont but he can go with Cora, dear Mina I or we want to put some money in with yours and get some things to live on I think every thing would be better in one box or packed as much togeth. as can be so I think it would be well for us to send you some money and you get for all at the same time how can I or we help you please let us know as soone as can so we can be ready I was talking with Mamie

about her clothes I tell her not to take any thing that is very nice or very hard to do do up it is so hard to get washing and Ironing done I think you will nead two girles if not more for you will not be able to worke or be woried any at least you shold not have any cares at all now as for the little boys I think it would be nice if not better to have them with you or your folkes as they will get attached to other fokes if they are left with them but dear Mina I donot know what is the better way I think it will be a good deal easear for you not to take them but they will like others if they stay with them I think I would try and talk a little with Mr Edison and find out a little about what he thinkes about it and then do as you think he would like.

dear Mina I would try and not think or mention any thing about lot I would try as near as I could to pleas her and above all pleas Mr Edison and let the rest go we cannot pleas everyone.



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[FI001ABA1], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, January 30th, 1887

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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It has ben a snowing and blowing and it is
cold stormie weather, We were all at church
and sunday school this moring I hope you and
all enjoyed the Bishop's being with
you was Mr Eddison able to go down
to the meals I do hope so and did he like the
Bishop I hope he did, dont

Akron O. Jan, 30th 1887,

you think we will have a lonely time after Pa and
Eddie have left us I wish you could b with
me or us I think My dear Mina and Mr Eddison
we would have a nice time.
but I do hope you will have a good and a nice time
Time is fast
passing when we can not hear from
each other as easyly as now and where you are going
feel as though I must be writing all
the time and if did not feel as though
you would get disgusted with my scribling and poor letters I would send
a letter every day untill you started
I do hope you can find a little time
before you start to let me know just
how yourself and Mr ~~the~~ Eddison both
are getting along and if both feel as
though you can endure the trip I
hope both are feeling quite well and
strong and you will have an easy
and happy trip down there and will find

15 - 8014

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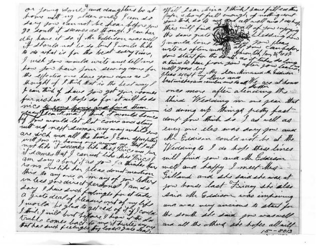
I hope Mr and Mrs Eddison are with you and
every thing is in perfect order and will be
when you return home have you maid
all arrangements a bout the future in the clothes
line pleas let me know all you can I would
love to hear often how you are Nellie Fogl
will be sick petty soone I think then she
will have four them that will be enough.
well dear Mina I will close for this time
hoping to hear from you as often ~~as~~ as you can
find time to write pleas except my love and best wishes

Mother

I was so glad to learn dear Mr Edison could have his dress on has it affected his
lookes in any way very much I hope not I hope he will soone be as well and strong as ever
pleas give him my love and best wishes

every thing in readiness for you I
would love to be with you I do think
I would enjoy the trip very very much
this moring as your pa awoke he
said he would rather go south than
to Europe I try to get him to think
he can go both places go with you
now and go across to where the Doctr
and Jennie is but I am afraid I
can not get him to think so I wish it
was so he could go so I think it would
be so nice to all meet there and have
a reception for Robbie and Louies I
hope they are having a nice time now
and will have all the time they are a
way dear Robbie dont it seem strang
to think he is a maraid man and he
has maraid Louies Igo but I tell
you they looked very nice standing
at the Auttler and Robbie answeard
up so loud and clear every one could
hear him Louise did well to I think they

knew what they were a doing Jimie tolds
us after he came home how Robbie
hurt his fingh I wonder how he did
do any thing for it must have hurt him so
he will tell you all a bout it when you
meet him at your hous all did very nicely
I do think I have sent you a letter telling you
a litte how every thing was I am a poor hand
to discribe any thing. I hope pa will be with
you some time this weak and he can
tell a litte. I think it is nice you can
take the little boys with you I think it
will do them good and it will help them
with you I think is the better way I am a
fraid it will be hard for you if you
only take one girl it seemes as though
you aught to have more help or let the company
do something I do hope Mamie will try and help
a litte you try and have her do something and you
try and rest all you can I wish I knew how
you felt at this time but I do hope well as
as can be expected I have a poor pen and a
poor pen and a poore write makes poor work.



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Title

[FI001ABA], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, January 26th, 1887

Editor's Notes

15-8013. We're at home now after attending the third wedding this year. Sorry you and TAE couldn't be there. I met Mrs. Gilliland. She said she was at your house last Friday, that TAE was improving and anxious to start South, and that you and the others were well. Robbie, Louise, and Maime are on their way to Fort Myers. When you come, bring TAE. It would do him good to stay awhile. I want all my new sons and daughters to be at home with my older ones. Wish you could come here before you go South. Have you done as I think is best on furnishing your rooms. I think it would be nice if you would let Dot come stay with us next summer "while you are sick." All this time I can sympathize with you in having one around me that I do not like. I don't like Miss Price [not in database]. Pa thinks there is no one like her. Please don't mention this to anyone.

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Gilliland, Lillian (Mrs Ezra T.)

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or young sones and daughters be at home with my older ones I am so sorry you cannot be hear before you go south it seemes as though I can hardly have it so if Mr Eddison was well it shoula not be so but I would like to do what is for the best every time, I wish you would write and tell me how you have your sewing done for the effected one have you done as I thought of I think that is the best way I I can think of have you got your rooms furnished I hope so for it will be so nice to come home and find them ready

read this only

Dear Mina I think it would be nice if you would let Dot come and stay with us next sumer any way while you are sick and all the time I can sympathy with you in having one around me that I do not like it seemes like Miss Price and I am it seemes that I cannot like Miss Price I am sorry about it as you Pa thinkes ther is no one like her pleas dont mention this to any one or in any of your letters unless you direct perdonal I am so sorry I have such feelingles for it takes a grate deal of pleasure out of my life I think I will but before I know it the sa trouble comes back to me it hurtes any one that has such feelingles they loose a grate deal,

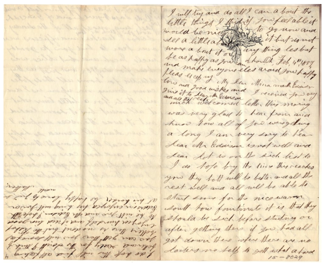
Well Dear Mina I think I have filled this paper about full enough of nothing dont you think so to we are all well and I do hope this will find all of you injoying the same grate blessing how I would love to see you pleas write as often and all you can befor you start for the south as it takes so long a time to hear from you after you leave me well good by My dear Mina and Mr Eddison pleas except my love and best wishes and rember me to all

Mother

Akron Oh Jan 26th 1887

We are at home once more after atending the third Wedding in one year that is doing up things pretty fast dont you think so I as well as every one eles was sorry you and Mr Eddison could not be at the Wedding to I do hope these lines will find you and Mr Eddison well and happy I meet Mrs — Gilland and she said she was at you house last Friday she also said Mr Eddison was improving and was very ancious to start for the south she said you was well and all the others she hopes all will have a nice time south and I do hope so too I would like to be one of the number to I do hope evry one will keep well and have the very best of times, Robbie Louies and Mammie are on there way there they will get there about the time you will well I expect you would like to hear how the Wedding went off and if we were all pleasd with it well for my part I thought it was very nice and I was well pleasd with evry thing and I do think Robbie has a nice Wife Dear boy I think aught to have one too as he is a good boy I do hope he will make a good husband and they may always live happiely to gether and be properes in Every thing that is good I do not think I nead tell any of there presentes as Robbie Louies and Mamie will and can tell better than

I can I will just say they had a good many and very nice I didnot get to yours and Lewis as you didnot send them downe there but I have no dout but they are nice good and useful she got evry thing that was or is useful when you come home next Spring we will go down and see them I do think Robbie and Louies will be glad to see us we will try them any way I think when you come home you must make calculation to stay sometimes time as there will be two new sisters and so many old friendes I think it would be well next time to bring Mr Edison with you and keep him it will do him good to stay while with us now he is in the Family he can do as he likes be just at home if he wants ay thing just take it and have what he wants I want all my new



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Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
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I will try and do all I can a bout the little things I think if you feel able it would be nice to go now and see a little about it but do not worre a bout it or any thing les but be as happy as you can and make everyone eles around you happy pleas except my love and good wishes and give it to dear Mr Eddison and all the rest.

Akron Oh, Feb, 4th, 1887,

My Dear Mina mach Eddison

I received your very much welcomed letter this moring was very glad to hear from and know how all of you were getting a long I am very sory to hear dear Mr Eddison is not well and dear Dot is on the sick list to I do hope by the time this reaches you they both will be better and all the rest well and all will be able to start soon for the nice warm south how fourtunate it is that they should be sick before starting or after getting there if you had all got down there where there are no docters no help to gett what a hard

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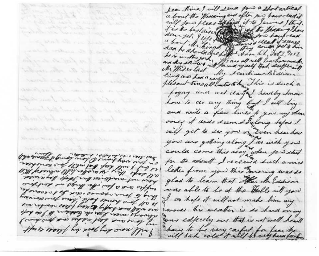
I do hope this will find all feeling better and ready for the South I think if you can gett there you will soone feel better, there is no dout but the Bishop enjoyed himself and it did him good to be with you and Mr Edison I hope Mr Eddison enjoyed his being with you at his house, be happy love to you

Mother.

you would have had how much
better it is as it is than otherwise
Dear Mina donot for one moment
think or worre a bout Robbie they
are all right they can take care of
themselves if they should get there
before you especely if Jennie is
there and if Mr Gillands they
have enough to take care of them
but they will Miss you and Dear
Mr Edison also all the rest but
Dear Mina you have enough to
do and think a bout beside those
folkes there the thing I will say the boys
received ther money and nice letter and
they were so much pleased with it they
both say they will send you the
paper if no one eles gets one they
are both at work now getting it
ready for to morow Friday is a very
busy day with them. I must tell
you what a surprise we had
last eving most all of the Sunday
School teachers and officers were
over hear to bid you pa goodby
uncle Jacob and Aunt Alice was
hear for supper and just as they
started for home all these folkes
came pouring in upon us I did
not think for a little time what
it all ment but it soone leaked
out it was the nices surprise I
I ever saw all seemed so happy
and social they brought there own
supper and took care of every thing.
I do hope pa will get to see you
I did think if you started next monday
he would not see you for so long
a time I hope now he will start
in time to make you a visit
before sailing he thinkes he would
rather go with you down south but
if he goes any place he must go to
Eurp, please tell dot for me I am sorry
she is sick she must try and get
well soone I expect she is as Grace and Bessie Dot was both 3 of them lost a week
in school but both are well now Mr and Mrs Rode says they are proud of Grace she
did so well in Philisphe she stood 100
that was, well dont you think so too.



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Title

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Editor's Notes

15-8015. Wish you could come here before you head south. Glad to hear TAE could come to the table with you. Hope Dot is feeling better and Thomas and William are well and ready for the sunny south. I told you that Eddie and Pa would be at your house today or tomorrow, but Pa will not start till next week. I hope Mr. and Mrs. Edison are there now. I'm glad you could have the Bishop [Randolph Sinks Foster] with you. I hope it was pleasing to TAE too.

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Foster, Randolph Sinks
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, Ellen Holihan (Mrs William P.)
- Miller, Lewis
- Edison, William Leslie
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Edison, William Pitt

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Dear Mina I will send you a short artical
a bout the Wedding and after you have read it
will you pleas ~~send~~ send it to Jennie I thin.
it is the best disc of the Wedding I have
seen yet, I expect you have read
a bout Mr Kingo some deal it seems
said he should die before they could get to him
he is in New york,

Akron, Oh, Feb 2, nd 1887.

We are all well Ira Carrie and Mr
and Mrs Shriver with Pa and myself took supper with
Mr Wides last evening and had a very
plesant time all wanted to know

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

This is such a
foggy and wet day I hardly know
how to do any thing but I will try
and write a few lines to you my dear
ones it dose seem so long before I
will get to see you or even hear how
you are getting along I do wish you
could come this way when you start
for the south I received such a nice
letter from you this morning was so
glad to learn that ~~dear~~ Mr Edison
was able to be at the Table with you
I do hope it will not make him any
worse this weather is so hard on any
one espeecly one that is not well he will
have to be very carful for fear he
will take cold it will be very hard for him

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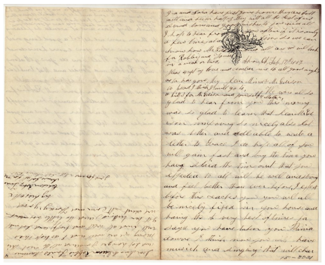
I will now say good by please excpt
my love and best wishes and you know I
always mean dear Mr Edison to I do hope
are well and happy to day pleas rember me
to all your house hold. have you done any
thing to your roomes. did you receive her
cuffes and a few other things we sent you
have not mentioned them I hope they arived
all safe there is another little waist of thier
es but I will keep that untill you come hear
on your way home O how long it seems untill then
[illegible] dear ones, be happy, [illegible]

please write all you can now (2) I hope Pa and Mrs Eddison are there now and (3) you are releived of all house hold cares I am so glad you could have the Bishop with you I do hope it was the thing to Mr Eddison to and it did not infer him in any way please give Pa & Eddison my love and best wishes.

to take any cold now I do hope you will be able to start for the south soon as all are ready and ancious to go I always think it is so hard for one to give up any thing after they have maid up ther mind to it but as this is a world full of Triales and disapointmentes we will have to learn to effect them and be ready for any thing that may come to us I do hope all will be well with you and every thing will be as near like you would have it as possible some times we effect to much and it would not be well for us to have it as we thought we would like it let us look on the bright side and trust for the best.

I hope dear Dot is feeling better of her cold and ~~Thomas~~ and William are well and happy all ready for the sunny south such days as this makes one feel ancious to be there I think every day we will after this have a cottag down there and we will take a teacher and go there while

it is so dark a dreary hear the Fog is so thick to now you cannot see Mr Long house and so dark in the hous you have to sitt close to the window to do any thing. Dear Mite I do feel so sorry for you to day as I wrote the other day that Pa and Eddie would be at your house eithe to day or to morrow but as Pa does not start untill next week I am so afraid he will not go at all it is not that I want him go or have him a way but I do think it will do him so much good and he has talked so much a bout going and would like to see so may thinges he has read a bout I do want him to go but O how lonesome it will be dear so Pa and so may other dear ones so far a way from us or from home but I do hope every one will have just the very best of times and all feel well and happy all the time, I do wish we could hear from each other oftener while so far a part



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Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Ira and Cora have just gone home they are both
well and seem happy they with all the rest of us
send love and good wishes to you and all
I hope to hear from you often if it is only
a few lines at a time so we can
know how Mr Edison and all are we will look
for Robbie and Louise
in a week or two,

Akron, O, Feb, 17th 1887.

please accept my love and remember me to all good night,
as Pa has gone to bed I think I will go to,
a kiss for Mr Edison and yourself & Mother,

My dear Mina & Mr Edison

We were all so
glad to hear from you this morning
was so glad to learn that dear Mr Ed
ison improving so nicely also Dot
was better and able to write a
letter to Grace I do hope all of you
will gain fast and by the time you
have staid the time out that you
expected to all will be well and strong
and feel better than ever before, I expect
before this reaches you you will all
be nicely fixed in your house and
having the ~~to~~ very best of times a
days you have taken your Piano
down I think now you will have
musick and singing that will cheer

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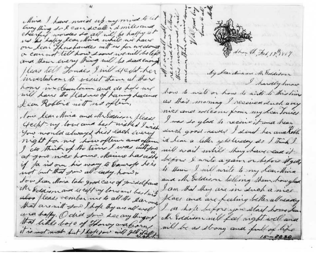
Dear Mina Mr Edison Robbie Louis Marion
and Dot how are you and all the rest this
morning we are well and I do hope this
will find all well and happy and Dot will
get her buttons and the little box ~~sent~~
we sent with Corn and Honey, good
by Lisette

Edison Roby Louis
Mamie Dot all for me
Send for me Mother let Mamie kiss

and make all happy Pa says you are a going to take the one you have there out in the boat so you can musick on the water as well as in the house I think it will be very nice I do hope nothing will hapen to mar or stop the pleasure you will have if all keep well, I to dear Mina feel so sorry the dear little boys are not witt you for I do think they would enjoy it so much there and them they would be witt you I think that would be nice the more they are witt you the more they will like you but I hope it is all right that it is as it is I would write very often to them cheer them all you can I think they are very nice little boys please give them my love and best wishe tell them I and we would love to have them come and see us dont you think they can come this far to meet you when you come home let them do so if you think they can and it would be pleasing to them now we expect a good long visit from you when you come home dont forget that, Well how do you gett along witt Robbie and Tonies and that troublesom little Mamie I expect you will have to send her home witt Robbie for you can hardley manige her way off there please give her my love and good wishes and tell her I hope she will be good and do all the good she can and also pleas tell her I would love to gett or have a letter from her has she poped any corne yet how did the corn and Thoney gett there was it all right I do hope so and I think the honey would be very good for Mr Edison to eat let him eat all he wantes if he likes it — I would try a little and if he can eat it let him have it if you had cream that would be good to. Dot asked Grace to send her cuffs buttons to her now we sent Dots buttons and a waist of the Tohmas and a few other things two or three weakes ago but we never heard whether you received them and we will look them up right a way I do thank you so much dear Mina for your very kind invitation to Pa and me to come and see you awhile down there now I do hope Pa will go but I am so well I dont need to come but I do hope Pa will go as he is so lonely, I do hope this will find you and all better try and take good care of yourselves.



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Title

[FI001ABC], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, February 15th, 1887

Editor's Notes

15-8030. Had a letter from Louise. Hope you and TAE feel as good as ever by the time you get home. Glad Pa got to see you. I wanted Pa to go sooner but he though if you didn't go until Thursday I would have plenty of time for a nice visit with both of you. Pa got home Monday. He's not well but says he is better than when he left to see you. I wish he would go down south to your place. I think you will have your hands full with Robbie, Louise, and Maime.

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Mary Emily

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Mina I have maid up my mind to let every thing so I can scatter smiles and cheerful wordes so all will be happy at us be happy dear Mina while we have our dear Husbandes witt us for we dont or can not tell how soone we will be left and then every thing will be sad enough please tell Tonsie I will accept her invertation to visit them at there home in Cantam and do hope we will have the plasure of having her and dear Robbie witt us often,

Now dear Mina and Mr Eddison please accept my love and best wishes I wish you would always kiss each every night for me how often and often I do think of the time I was witt you at your nice home. Mame has aske if Pa is on his way to Europe he is not but that you all ready know.

Now dear Mina take good care of yourself and Mr Eddison and accept my love and best wish ~~also~~ please remember me to all the dear ones that are witt you I hope they are all well and happy. O did you see anything of that little box of Honey and Corns it is not much but I hope you will gett it all right.

We are all well and received two letters this morning and I will answer them or nine soon Well good by love to al. Mother

Akron O, Feb, 15th 1887

My dear Mina and Mr Eddison

I hardly know how to write or how to write to this time as this morning I received such a very nice and welcome from my dear Tonsies I was so glad to receive it and hear such good newes I send her and Robbie it dear a letter yesterday so I think I will wait untill they have read it before I write again or before it gets to them I will write to my dear Mina and Mr Eddison telling them how glad I am that they are in such a nice place and are feeling better allready I do hope before you start home dear Mr Eddison will feel right well and will be as strong and full of life

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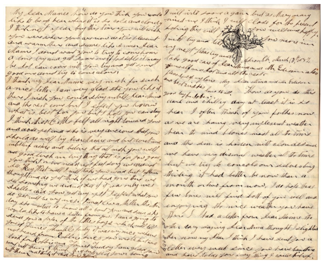
over he was and my dear Mina will
feel better and stronger I am so glad
you dear pa did gett to see you if
it was only for so short a time I
did so much want pa to go sooner
to you but he thought if you didnt
go untill Thursday he would have quite
a nice visiet witt both of you pa got
home Monday after noon pa is not well
but he says he is better than when he
left for your home I do wish he would
go down south to your place if you
think you can keep him if not he
would go some other quiet place pa
needes rest and to take care of him
self I do hope this will find Mr Eddison
quite well and happy also your self to
Now I think you will have your hands
full witt so many especaly witt Robbie
Tomies and Mamie what will you do witt
them you must make them mind
you and be good not cry and teas

you for cake when you tell them
you have not got any and if you
should have small peices to give
Mamie she must not go and tell
the others but she must go off by her
self and eat it the rest next time,
I hope all will find mail waiting
for them when they gett there I have
tried in my poor way to write a
few lines every weak sometimes
twice a weak. My darlings I do
think of all of you so much and do
so much hope each and every one
will have just the ~~to~~ very best of
times while there all will get well
and strong I hope you will write
to me often as you can and you will
tell me every thing you can please
tell Mamie sometimes what to
write to me so you can rest try and
rest all you can and take every thing
as easy as you can and be happy so
all around you will be the same dear



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Akron Oh. March 13th 1887,

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

How do you do this dark and chilley day at least it is so hear I often think of you folkes now as we are having very unplesent weather hear the wind blowes most all the time and the sun is hiden with cloudes and we have very dismal weather all the time but we try to concole our selves by thinking it had better be now than a month or two from now, I do hope these few lines will find both of you well and enjoying the nice weather you have there I had a letter from dear Mamie the other day saying dear Mina thought I slighted her now my dear I think I have sent you a letter every week since you have been there and have tolde you every thing I could think of.

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My dear Mamie how do you think you would like to be up hear where it is so cold and cloudy I think next year buy this time you will wish you were where you are now as it is pleasent and warm there and seemes like summer dear Mamie I donot want you to try to come home alone try and get some one if possible it may be Dot can come with you try and get some good one donot try to come alone;

I thank my dear Mamie very much for such a nice letter I am very glad that you like it there I wish you could stay untill dear Mina and the rest come but I expect you know what is best for you but I hope you can stay I think Miss Cuttle felt all right toward you and dose yet and she is very ancious that you should do well try dear Mamie and put dout and unbelief aside and believe that all wish you well and good luck in everything that is for your good, you think I or we need not feel sory we didnot see Key West well I will take your word but I often thought and do yet think if we had gone there we see something we didnot see if it was only nice shelles did you get any yet I expect what you do get will be very nice. I meet Cora Miller the other day she wanted to know all a bout you and said she would like to have a letter from you. I am a going to send you a paper of the littles boys which will tell you of Louis thimble party it was very nice we have not heard from Robbie since you wrote but we look for Robbie and Louis Tuesday I am glad you went with them. I think they enjoyed your being with them and think it did you good.

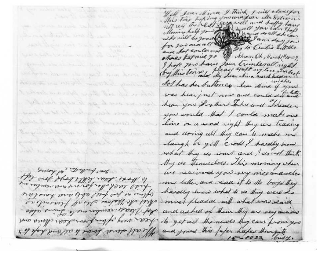
I will write soone again but as Mary may miss me I think I will close for the present hoping this will find you well and happy. I will try and tell you more in my next pleas try and take good care of dear Mina and Mr Edison also yourself and Dot and all the rest. pleas keep my love and best wishes

love to all.

good by for Mother.

I will not try to write a very long letter to
day as Cousin Mary that is Aunt Lucys Mary
is hear and I can not leave her very long
you know I will just day we are all well
and things are moving a long bout as when
all were at home we are looking for dear
Robbie and Louies to Tuesday morning I
was in hopes of we would have heard
from them before this but we have not
had any word since they wrote at your place
Robbie is a little indipendient and I think he
thinks he will take care of himself and
Louies but I am a going to try and keep
them a little time any way when they gett hear
uncle Jacobs are all toren up so they can
not stay there so they will have to stay with
me I expect you had quite lively times while
they were with you I do hope dear Mamie will
be a good little girl and do you all the good
she can while with you I dread to think of
her trying to come home alone dont you
think she can find some good person that is
coming this way or north dear child I donot want

her to come alone how is it with Dot dont
you think she can come with Mamie
How is Mr Edison health now do you think he
is gaining and getting strong and right well
I do hope so and I do hope my dear Mina is well
and enjoyes her home and every thing there
and feeles contented and happy it will not be very
long untill we shall see each other and have a nice
talk with each other by and take good care of yourself
and dear husband donot work to hard by and
take every thing easy please except my love and
best wishes and please remember me to the Dot and
the little boys I expect they have missed you and
there pa very much this last winter I hope they
can go with you next time I next time you
start there all will be well and ready to start
in time to escape all the bad weather, Well
I wanted to write a few lines to dear Mamie so
I will have to close these lines to you by
say good by and pleas except my love and best wishes,
pleas remember me to all in your house and also
your nearest neighbors tell them we would
love to have them come and see us from Mother



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[FI001ABD], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, March 1st, 1887

Title

[FI001ABD], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, March 1st, 1887

Editor's Notes

15-8032. "I was glad to read you were more happy this last 25th of Febery than a year ago." Eddie left for Mexico yesterday. Miss Lake is teaching Pa spelling [?]. Please remember me to Dot, Louise, and Miss McWilliams.

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Lake, Martha
- McWilliams, Sarah
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

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Well dear Mina I think I will close for
this time hoping you and dear Mr Edison
with all the rest are well and happy have
Mamie help you all you can I hope
she will be good and do all she can
for you and all I am sorry you
and Dot could not go to Cuba with the
others that did go

Akron Oh, March 11th 1887,

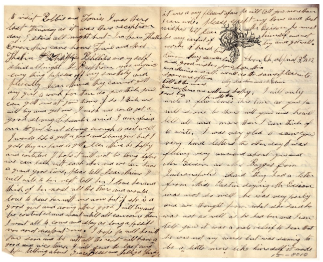
I hope you have your trunks all right
by this time, please accept my love and best wishes
and My dear Mina and Mr Edison
Dot has her buttons. dear Mina if you
was hear just now and could see your Mother and
hear your Brothers John and Theodore
you would that I could make one
line or a word right they are teasing
and doing all they can to make me
laugh or gett cross I hardly know
what they do want and I do not think
they do themselves. This morning when
we recived your very nice and welco-
me letter and read it to the boys they
hardly knew what to do they were so
much pleased with what was said
and asked of them they are very anxious
to get all the news they can from you
and yours this paper keeps them quite
busy.

15-8032

We all send love to all and hope to
hear very often from dear Mina and
Dot please remember me to Lizzie also
Miss McWhalmes Write us all please write as
often as you feel able and have time
kiss each other for me and remember me
to those dear little boys you left
at home,
your fond Mother.

Well dear Mina I can assure you I was glad to read such a good and nice letter from you this morning I was so glad to read you were more happy this last 25th of Febory than a year a go my Pray and sincier wish is that every year more joy and stronger love and happiness may be yours and dear Mr Edisons Lot I do hope there will never come the least thing a cross your pathe that will give the least chill to your love and happines witt each other and the dear loved ones that gether around you now and hearafter your home may be a home of love and true happines; and you may make your home happy by decking it witt flowers and spending there your brightests and merest howres, Make it so happy witt Laughters and song that all affirs may move briskey along,

Dear Mina this has ben a lovely day for me as dear Eddie started for Mexico yesterday he has ben right hear night and day all the time sinces New years and it seemes now Janie is so busy witt work and Grace so much ocupied witt study John and Theoder are so much taken up witt there paper and bookes I have no one to go to as fa has Mr Lake over hear when he is at home so I cannot have a chance to speak to him harely it is all spelling witt him, but dear Mina the time is coming near when we al shall meet and I have not growne poore witt all my loneness I think I can stand it untill that time comes and then I think I will make up lost time it seemes lost to me but I do hope it does not seem so to you I hope you feel perfectiy satified witt all the time as it swiftly passes by, We had Ira and Cora in for dinne and super yesterday as it was the last meales dear Eddie would eat witt us for some time Cora seemes happy town also Ira it makes me feel glad when my dear ones are all happy and contented content meanes happiness doss it not,



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[FI001ABE1], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, April 3rd, 1887

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Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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to visit Robbie and Tonies I was there last Wensday as it was thers reception day. I staid all night but Ira Cora Thattie Cousin Mary came home Lucid and Miss Thattia ~~Phillipps~~ Phillips and my self staid all night the Reception was very nice every thing passed off very smothely and plesently Dear Mina they cannot gett any girl to work for them do you think you can gett one at your home if so I think we will try and get one I wish we could get a good strong Chamber maid I am afraid our ~~to~~ girl is not strong enough to do it well I would like to gett a good and strong girl but I gess they are hard to gett. Dear Mina be happy and contented I hope it will not be long before we can talk with each other and we can have a grand good time, pleas tell dear Mamie I will write to her next tell her I love her and think of her most all the time and would love to have her with me now but if she is a good girl and doing others good I will try and be contented and wait untill all can come then I want all to come and stay as long a possible now dont disapoint me. I hope Pa will be with you soon and be with all the rest will have a good and nice time. I will send the last evening paper telling about Grace Bessie and Jellys party,

it was a very plesent afare Pa will tell you more than I can write. please accept my love and best wishes tell dear Mr Edison he must be very carful of himself and not worke to hard but try and get well.

Cousin Mary sends love and good wishes for dear Mina and Mamie and all. we all do the same please write soon and often tell all the news. Ira and Cora are well and happy, good by fond Mother

Akron, Oh, April, 3th 1887.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

I will only write a few lines this time as your Pa will soon be there with you and he will tell all and more than I can think of to write. I was very glad to receive your very kind letters the other day I was feeling very ancious about you and Mr Edison as Mrs Baggas from Indianapolis said they had a letter from Miss Gastin saying Mr Edison was not as well he was very poorly and we thought from what she said he was not as well as he had been and I can tell you it was a grate releif to hear that he was not any worse but was seeming to be a little more like himself it made

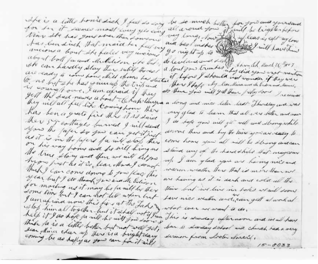
15-8010

me feel like another person. now dear Mina I donot want you to think one moment about not stoping hear on your way home you must I cannot take any thing for an excuse you and dear Mr Edson must stop and stay a while with us you neednot see any one but our owne folkes if you donot feel like it but dear Mina donot feel so it is all right I wouldnot like to have you go out before every body and care nothing about it but Modisty and freedom go to gether always now make your planes for sure so you can stay some time with us I will buy and have every thing ready so we willnot have any thing to do but have a good time now pleas donot disapoint me I am so glad if dear Mame has ben any company and help to you I wish she was through with school so she could stay with you all the time that is if you and Mr Edison would like to have her. I

miss her every day and all the time but I know how hard it is to be all alone from all of my dear ones and old home.

I do hope these few lines will find you and dear Mr Edison yes in fact all well and happy I expect it is lovely down there pa and cousin Mary with the little boys were down to the green house after dinner you remember we brought a plant home with us we were looking at it and saying we expected the trees were covered with flowers down there now but we had only the plant but it looks pretty any way this is the first day it has seemed any thing like spring a few days like this will bring every thing all out right.

I am so glad pa has maid up his mind to go I do hope there will nothing come up that will stop him we are all well we had last Friday for dinner Aunty Clark and Mrs Baggs with a niece from Indianapolis also Ina as Cora had gone to Cleveland with Cousin Mary the Ladies were and have gone down to Canton



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[FI001ABE], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mary Emily Miller, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, March 20th, 1887

Title

[FI001ABE], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mary Emily Miller, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, March 20th, 1887

Editor's Notes

15-8033.. Glad everyone is better. Glad the weather is nice and warm there. I expect Pa is with Thomas and William today. It seems strange to think of staying at your house while you are away. I think Pa likes your house. Pa left home a week ago today and won't be home until tomorrow. This morning we received a box of nice flowers from your greenhouse. Sorry TAE cannot be with the others. Hope he has got well of the chills and fever. Sorry TAE has had such a sick time again. Jennie is homesick and feels very anxious about both Pa and TAE. There has been a great fire at Chautauqua--57 cottages burned. Pa will stop at Chautauqua on his way home. I don't think I can come to your house this year, but I thank you and TAE for inviting us. It may be Pa will be there sometime. I think Pa is a little better but not well yet. I'll have Lewis go to Cleveland and see about your trunks.

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Miller, Mary Emily
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Miller, Lewis
- Edison, William Leslie
- Miller, Jane Eliza

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She is a little home sick I feel so sorry for her it seemes most every yes every time she has gone over ther someone has ben sick that maid her feel very ancious a bout she feeles very ancious about both pa and Mr Edison she thinks she can hardly stay there until the rest are ready to come home Miss Emmons has started or no but she has given up the trip and is coming home. I am afraid if they gett the sad newes a bout Chatauqua they will all feel like coming home there has ben a grate fire there it is said there 57 cottages burned I will send you the paper so you can get it just as it is in the papers pa will stop there on his way home and he will bring us the true story and then we will let you know just as it is, dear Mina I dont think I can come down to your place this year but I do thank you and Mr Edison for inviting us it may be pa will be there some time but I can not tell when but I am afraid now this fire at the Lake may stop him all together but it shall not if I can help it I do hope pa will be with you soon I think pa is a little better but not well yet, dear Mina cheer up there is a bright day coming be as happy as you can for it will be so much better for you and yours and all around you it will be brighter before very long. Now please except my love and best wishes I will have Ira go right up to Cleveland and see a bout your trunkes why did you not mention it before I should not wonder if they were there I hope so then you will gett them pretty soon

Akron Oh March 20th 1887

My dear Mina and Mr Edison and Marion,

I received a long and nice letter last Thursday and was very glad to learn that all were better and now I do hope you will get well and strong while down there and by the time you are ready to come home you all will be strong and can stand any of the hardships that may come up. I am glad you are having nice and warm weather there that is more than we are having as it is dark and cold all the time but we live in hopes we will soon have nice weather and we can gett at work at what ever we want to do.

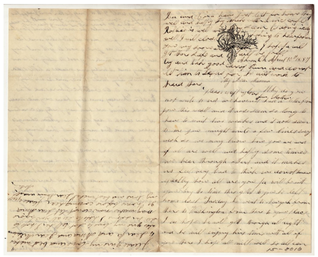
This is sunday afternoon and we all have ben to sunday school and church had a very sermon from Doctor Norris.

I hope you will excuse this poor writing and composing as I am writing by gass light and at first there was so much noise I could hardly think, Cousin Mary is here with [illegible] having such a nice time and three boys can make a little noise

I expect pa is at or with Thomas and Will [illegible] to day I hope they are having a nice time it seemes so strange to think of pa staying at dear Minas and Mr Edisons house while they are so far from it I think pa likes your home very much [illegible] he left ~~hopee~~ home a week a go to day will not be home untill to morrow this moring we received a nice box of flowers and a box of plantes from your green house at least we think they came from there as pa was a going to your house before he came home it seemes to bad to think you cannot have some of your nice flowers down there but I expect you have nice flowers and better than all you have warm and nice weather, Dear Mina I received a letter this moring from you was very glad to hear from you all but was sory to learn that dear Mr Edison is not able to be with the others that are

from Mother to her dear children.

I hope dear Mina has got well of the chills and fever also all the others I was so sory that dear Mr Edison has had such a sick time again I do hope he is a grate deal better now and will grow stronger all the time by the time you want to come home he will be well and quite strong Dear Mina you thought I had forgoten you now never will I forget my dear Mina nor hers nor will I ever forget dear Mamie I am very glad if she can make it plesent in any way for you I hope she will be good and do all she can to make it plesent for you and all that are with you and around you I hardly know what to get fixed for her in the clothes line I think it will not be very much of a job when she gets home I think I will wait untill she gets home, We had a letter from dear Jennie this moring I fear she



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Miller, Mary Emily

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Akron Oh April 10th 1887

My Dear Mamma

Why do you not write to us we have not had a letter from you this week and it does seem so long to have to wait two weakes and it does seem to me you might write a few lines every week so we may know how you are and if all are well and happy some times we hear through others and it makes us feel very bad to think we do not know exactly how all are your pa will be with you by the time this gitts to you he left home last Tuesday he went to Newyork from there to Washington from there to your place I do hope he will gitt through all right and he will enjoy his time with all of you there I hope all will well so all can

Pa and Cora have just left for home they [illegible] well and happy they make [illegible] a nice couple Robbie is well and they seem to be doing nicely well I will close hoping to hear from you very soon and often I hope pa will get there safe and [illegible] will be well try and take good care of him and dont let him go to Texas for he will work to hard there, please except my love from Mother.

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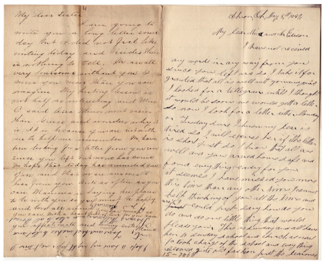
please give my love and best wishes to dear pa and Nina and dear Mr Edison also give my love to Dot tell her I hope to see her soone I hope to see al you before may weekes now donot let dear Nina go home before coming hear please except my love and best wishes dear Mamie and all.

Mother.

Is with them now and they have a girl to stay
as well. What do you think Mary has left us
to take things as they come. now don't you
go and come as they please how I
would love to know just now how
all the dear ones are that are so far
from me to day just think there only
Jennie Grace Johnie Theodore and myself
left of so many Miss Price is still with
us but Cousin Mary and Frank have
gone home we miss them very much
and you pa being gone seemes like all
the house was gone we are a little busy
just now so the time flys rather fast
but some times it seemes to me I can
hardly wait for the time to come when
we all shall meet and can see each other
and have a nice time to gether,

This day makes me think of Fort Myers
it is so warm it realy seemes like spring
a few days like this will make everything
grow and seem like sumer, What do you
think you will do this sumer stay at home
with us or go to Miss Cutters place I would
let Miss Cutter board at some other place

think they will gett a long better now I was spoken
so when you come home you must be ready
I let Mina go home without coming hear first
I do think it would be more plesent for you
you can feel more at liberty and I do
think it will do you good to gett out every
day I dont think it good to stay at home
all day and study our reades a little exer
cise every day. Miss Price and the two boys
are a going to the Catholic Churces and it is
Easter Sunday and they have very nice services
at such times we had very pretty decorations
at our church to day but no other changes
were maid this moring but this eving they
have Easter servics dose it seem possible
it is two years since dear Anna was at
Konto how times flys soon we will all
be old folkes and wonder what we have
ben a doing wondering if we have done any
thing worth mentioning I can tell my darling
what grate good she has done al ready she
has cheered me a grate may times and I know
she has done a grate may good and kind
actes to others I know Robbie and Price
feel glad you were with them and would
love to have you with them now Aunty Klark



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Title
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Author

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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My dear Sister

I am going to write you a long letter some day but I did not feel like writing today and besides there is nothing to tell. We are all very lonesome without you. I miss you more than you can imagine. My history lesson is not half as interesting and Miss C. said Asia Minor must easier than Greece and wonders why it is. It is because you are not with me to help me remember. We have been looking for a letter from you ever since you left but none has come we hope that today has reminded you of us and that we are anxious to hear from you. Write as often as you can. Mamma is laying her plans to be with you so you must be happy and love all around you as much as you can. With a heart full of love for you I am your affectionate and loving sister Mame.

I hope to have my right paper next time I write, Love and best wishes to Dot and Thomas Willsman and also to all the rest of your family

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Akron, O., May 8th 1887

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

I have not received any words in any way from you since you left us so I take it for granted that all is well with you and yours I looked for a tellegram untill I thought it would be soon we would get a letter. So now I look for a letter either Monday or Tuesday since I know my dear is tired so I will excuse her if the letter is short just so I know that all are well and you arrived home safe and found everything ready for you. it seemes I have missed you more this time than any other time I cannot help thinking of you all the time and wish I ~~just~~ could just say how do you do and do one little thing that would please you. This is Sunday and all have been to Sunday school and church, as usual Pa took charge of the school and everything seemed quite old fashion just the seasones

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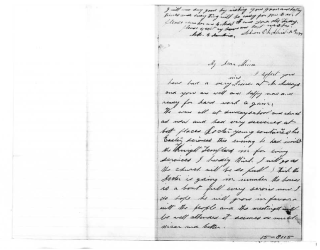
that are absent keep in my mind all the time I can not help thinking of them and wondering how they are,

We have just had a very hard rain and storm we think the Lightning struck some house on the west hill Lewis and John and Theodore are over there now so when they come home we will know all about it it was a very hard storme but every thing lookes so nice and clean now the grass is as green and clean and also the road is washed to so every thing lookes fresh and nice,

pa is in his roome studying and Mamie and Grace are in there roome reading the old History of finding of Pharaoh Mamie reades to Grace and I am at my old place you know where that is in our bead room by the window on the leaf and it is a new one to and it is a nice one to Dear Mina we are in our sitting room and pa has his batt roome to study in to and next Tuesday we can have the Libary then we will feel more at home there for sure it seemes better now than when you were hear I think in

course of the sumer we will gett things to gether again, Well the boys are at home and they say it was barn and Three horses burned the barn was struck witt lighting,

Dear Mina I will try and send that wash that we were talking about when you were hear pa talkes a little of going to your place some time this week or some time soon but we can not tell when pa seemes well and seemes to be very much pleased with his visit witt Mr Edison he likes Mr Edison very much thinkes he is a very kind and thought ful man I to and will you please give him my respectes and best wishes and I hope you and he may have many many happy days and years togethe. Dear Mina please except my love and best wishes and please write as often as you feel able and tell me all the newes and if I can do any thing in the least for you or any of you let me know every thing. Well supper is ready so I will stop for a little while so good by. Well supper is over and now I will just close these few lines to you and also finish Dear Edies and write a few lines to Aunt Lucy we are all well so hope these lines will find you and all well and happy. from Mother to Dear Mina [illegible].



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Editor's Notes
15-8115. I expect you had a good time at Mr. Massey's. [Chiefly Miller family gossip]

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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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I will now say good by wishing you good and happy times and every thing will be easy for you & all.
please remember me to Miss [illegible] and your old Lady.
please accept my love and best wishes.
Lottie & Jennie, [illegible] 4/77

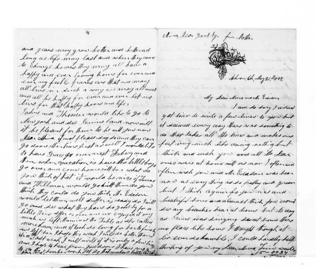
My dear Mina

I expect you have had a very nice time at Mr Maddays and you are well and happy now and ready for hard work a gain,
We were all at Sunday school and church as usual and had very services at both places Doctor young continues his Easter services this evening he had invited the Knight Templars in for evening services I hardly think I will go as the church will be so full I think the Doctor is gaining in number the house is a bout full every services now I do hope he will grow in favor with the people and the meetings will be well attended it seemes so much nicer and better.

15-8115

Mamie is sitting by me trying to read but I keep calling on her to spell and tell me the right way so much she can hardly gett to read at all poor child I pitty her she has to be bothered so much with me she is quite busy with her study O I do hope she will have a good time and her study will be the best in the lot I will feel glad when she had finished. Jennie is at home to day he seemes quite well and happy I think he is learning something he wants to gett to work this summer Robbie will be home the 11th as it is his birth day how I would love to have something nice to give him at that time he is such a nice boy I think, Minie I have only seven wish bones for you I tell our folkes I am a going to start out and see how many I can gett ~~fr~~ from door to door Pa Jennie Ira Eddie Mamie gott very nice Easter presents we can hardly tell who sent pa but think it was Thelbur Stover now do you know who it was Jennie

Sunday school class gave her a very pretty card Ira Eddie had a very kind lady friend send each a very nice painting of hers Ira's a long bunch of Roses and Eddie's a basket full of Butterworts and a Butterfly both are very pretty the young lady was Miss Cora Wise Mamie receive a very pretty colored egg I think it is so nice to be rember at all these times but it seemes so hard for us to give I do wish it was other wises I do hope you will stay and follow the practice you have taken up while at school some times I think it would be nice for you if you never come home to stay but then I hope you will help us do as you are doing now and it may be you can do better as it may be you can have a better chance to work at what you want to make as you will not have so many lessons to learn but it may be cooking will be harder for you than books but we will try and help all we can. I hope we will have very nice times when you gett home to stay well enough of this.



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[FI001ABG], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 21st, 1887

Title
[FI001ABG], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 21st, 1887

Editor's Notes
15-8034. Would like to have Grace go to Europe next February and have the little boys [John and Theodore?] join her when vacation begins. Could Thomas and William go with them?

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, William Leslie
- Miller, Grace A

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and years may grow better and better as long as life may last and when they come to change homes they may all have a happy and ever loving home for ever and ever my feeble prayers are that we may all live in such a way we may all meet and all be happy for ever and ever let us live for that happy home and life.

John and Theodore would like to go to New York and see Jennie land now will it be pleasant for them to be with you now dear Mina if not please say so and they can go some other time just as well I would like to have Grace go over next February and then when vacation is have the little boys go over and come home with her what do you think of that it would be nice if Jamas and Willman would go with them do you think they could do you think Mr Edison would let them well supper is ready so I will go and see what they have so good by for a little. Their supper is over and we enjoyed it very much we left Mamie at the Table as she called more ham and it took so long for her to finish we left her I hope this week I will do better than I did the last week I will write if it is only a few lines and I hope to hear from you soon I have no girl to do the chamber work yet so that makes a little harder

Mina dear good by from Mother

Akron, O, May 21, 1887.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

I am so sorry I didnt get time to write a few lines to you but it seemed every day there was something to do that takes all the time and makes one feel very much like doing nothing but think and wish you and all the dear ones were at home with us now I often and often wish you and Mr Eddison was hear now as every thing is so pretty and green but I think again of your nice and beautiful home and almost think you cannot see any beauties hear at home but to day as Grace was singing sweet home there's no place like home ~~I thought~~ though it be ever so humble, I could hardly help thinking of you my dear Mina Since writing

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me to come and see his coalt as he has
it cleaned up so I will have to stop, a littel
hear I am and I think his coalt is a very
pretty animal, Well darling it seemes
I can hardly gett to write at all as Mr
Marvin is or was hear and there was
an old soldier taken by and I had
to stop and listen to the fife and drum
it seemes as though one can look and
listen all the time if they would Mamie
wanted me to go and see the H Rhododen
drons they are comming out very pretty also
the Roses are begining to show themselves
we just had a letter from Jenni
and she says she has seem a grate
many Roses but not any as pretty
and fine as ours and Jenni is well and
startes home the 18th, Mamie has a boil
on her arm and she is cutting her wisdom
tooth so it makes her feel a little bad
but she bares it very nicely and she is
now reading Pilgrams progress to the littel

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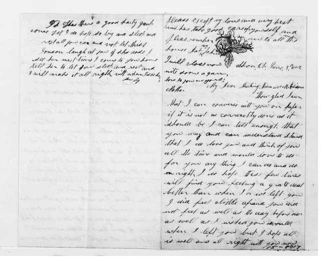
boys, I think we are a going to have a little
rain and we need it very much to as it is
dry and so dustay we can hardly keep
any thing clean at all we are nearly through
with our house cleaning the men or some
of them are on the out side of the house
I think it will be a little cleaner when we
get through but it gettes dirty about as fast
as we can clean as there is so much dust,
Pa is at Jeaped now he seemed about
as well as common when he left us but I am
afraid he will work so hard when he gets
in the feild he will make himself sick. I
live in hopes that gentleman that is with
him will take care of him Ira has left home
for a little time they are both well and seem
to be happy Mr Marvin was down to see Robbie
and Louis Friday he likes there home very
much and says they are both well and seem
to be happy, I am so glad my dear ones are
so nicely fixed and all have all they need
to make them happy I do hope there days



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Title
[FI001ABH], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, June 9th, 1887

Editor's Notes
15-8017. I hope you are feeling a great deal better than when I left you. Think of yourself as you have such nice company as your Dear Husband and Miss Johnson. Keep Miss Johnson to keep you company while TAE is away.

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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P.S. Has there a good party gang come yet I do hope So try and sleep and rest all you can and not let Miss Jordon laugh at you if she does I tell her next time I come to your home tell her to let you sleep and rest and I will make it all rigth with when I see her,

Lovingly

please except my love and very best wishes take good care of yourself and please remember me to all the house Sat ma John

I will close now write soon again, love to you ma yours;
Mother

Akron, O. June, 5, 1887.

My Dear Darling, Mina and Mr Edison

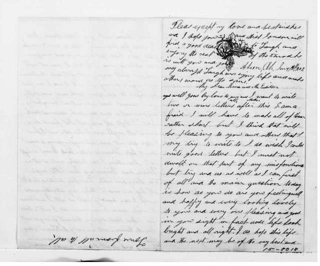
How glad I am that I can converse with you on paper if it is not as correctly done as it should be I can tell enough. that you may and can understand Stand that I do love you and think of you all the time and would love to do for you any thing I can do and do on right, I do hope these few lines will find you feeling a great deal better than when I or we left you I did feel alittle afraid you did not feel as well as the day before nor as well as I wished you would when I left you but I hope all is well and all right with you now

15-8017

I wake up thinking I heard you I dreamed and heard you all night also a very often
to day my darling I do love you and yours I can hope both will be happy and live a long life

donot think of me nor any one else but
yourself and while you have such
nice company as your dear Husband
and Miss Gordon donot care for any
more at present but get well and
strong and then think of others and
your house donot try to do a thing
or gett around any for a week yet and
then take every thing very slow and
easy keep Miss Gordon for a week
or two ~~m~~ more yet do not let her go
till you feel right strong and well
and even then if you like her compy
you keep her for you need some
one to stay with you that can laugh
and talk so every thing will pass
off cheerfuly while dear Husband
and all the rest are away dear
Mina that is what you need is some
one to be ~~lifs~~ lively and Jolly so
if you like your present company you
keep her or gett some one eles soon,

Miss Price quites work to day and
starts to the Lake so it is rather
good I did come home as all the
girles are new and donot know much
about the house or any thing as we have
it, I just Telephoned to Ira and
Cora they are well and wanted to know
how you were they are coming over this
eving I expect it will keep me bussy
answering questions, I can tell you
it lookes rather dreary around hear
Jennies room is full of spoiled
clothing and the yard all in front
covered with Lathing and plastering
and all such stuff but I can tell
you I am glad it is not any worse
for it is bad enough as it is,
Dear Mina I do wish I were just now by
you were it seemes to me I can hear
you calling me all the time I wish I did
know if you have called me since I
left you all night I could hear you once



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Title

[FI001ABI], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, June 12th, 1887

Editor's Notes

15-8018. Ever since we left your house, Pa has been busy. Glad you got the dress in time. I hope Dot found her school all right. I hope Thomas is beter and well and happy. Give my respects to Miss Johnson [not in database].

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Miller, Lewis
- Edison, Marion Estelle

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Pleas except my love and best wishes and I hope you and Miss Londen will find a good deal to Laugh and enjoy the rest of the time she is witt you and you may always Laugh and enjoy life and make others around do the same.

Akron, Oh, Jun 12th 1887

My Dear Mina and Mr Edison

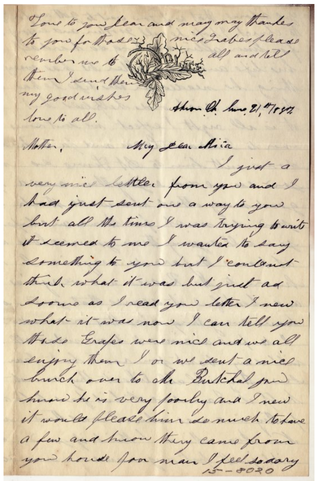
~~ays~~ well good by love to you all and Mother I want to write two or more letters after this I am afraid I will have to make all of them rather short but I think that will be pleasing to you and others that I my try to write to I do wish I could write good letters but I must not dwell on that part of my misfourtions but try and do as well as I can first of all and the main question today is how do you do are you feeling well and happy and every looking lovely to you and every one pleading and good in your sight in fact dose life look bright and all right. I do hope this life and the next may be of the very best and

Love from all to all.

15-8018

you nead never feel sorry that you are hear may you and your dear Husband always libe happy hear and hear after. This is Childrens day and it is a lovely day it is warm enough to be plesent and every thing has on its summer dress. the exercies at the church was very fine your pa thinks the decorations were never as nice as to day the church was just as full as it could be and every thing was nice, and after dinner pa lay downe on the Lounge and said this is the first free time I have seen since I came home it seemes every since we were at your house we have our pa has ben as buisy as he could be the Lawn party was very nice we took in $112. dont you think that prettey good as there was nothing to bring them hear that is no amusements particular every one seemed to enjoy themselves very much it was surprising to all to see so may hear.

Dear Mina will you pleas thank Miss Louson for her nice letter to me I was so glad you had your new dress and you was able to were it I hope it was all right and you will enjoy wering it and Mr Edison will enjoy seeing you with it on. I am glad he likes to see you look nice and happy you cannot look nice without being happy, any one with a sad con look dose not look nice. I hope all are well Lot found her school all right and thinks she will like it I hope she will and will enjoy going to school there. I hope Thomas is better his throat is right well. Dear Mina I can hardly write at all as Theodore has Prince and two little dogs and Mary our cook has her sisters babe all by me and it takes my attention so much I can hardly write at all I will have to write more to morrow so I will close for this time hoping this will find you well also Mr Edison well and happy Lot & Thomas also. pleas give my respectes to Miss Lowson and Jenie and all all the rest in the house.



Love to you dear and may may thankes
to you for those nice Grapes please
rember me to all and tell
them I send them
my good wishes
love to all.

Akron O. June 21st 1887

Mother,

My dear Mina

I just a
very nice letter from you and I
had just sent one a way to you
but all the time I was trying to writ
it seemed to me I wanted to say
something to you but I coulant
think what it was but just as
soone as I read your letter I new
what it was now I can tell you
those Grapes were nice and we all
enjoy them I or we sent a nice
bunch over to Mr Butchal you
know he is very poorly and I new
it would please him so much to have
a few and know they came from
your house poor man I feel so sory

15-8020

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Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Love to you dear and may may thanks
to you for those nice Grapes please
remember me to all and tell
them I send them
my good wishes
love to all.

Akron O. Nov. 21st/1887

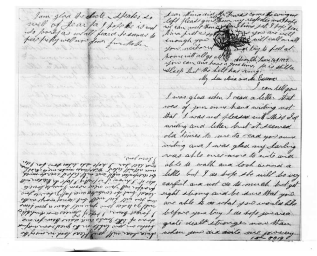
Mother, My dear Mira

I just a very nice letter from you and I had just sent one a way to you but all the time I was trying to writ it seemed to me I wanted to say something to you but I could not think what it was but just as soone as I read your letter I new what it was now I can tell you those Grapes were nice and we all enjoy them I or we sent a nice bunch over to Mr Burkhal you know he is very poorly and I new it would please him so much to have a few and know they came from your house poor man I feel so sory

15-8020

go alone, that is if you want to gett any for
to church. I hope he will go often and enjoy
for him after working so hard all
his life and now after he has every
thing he neades in this life he has
to be so sick and so helpless but
it is all right I expect we sent some
over to Lewis and Coras and pa took
some with him to St Lewis so
you see we did enjoy them and a
good many others and we do thank
you so much for them and hope
you will enjoy them yourselves
at home they are so very nice I
know to the Rosies are very nice
and beatiful it seemes that you
have every thing nice that one neades
I to feel ancious to know what all
will say about your room but I am
sure they will all like it they cannot
help it. I am sure it bid fare to be
pretty and nice when I was there.
Now dear Mina I think if you
will just put my name on one

Thomas. I am glad dear Mr Edison went
goying and both will be happy dear and dear
suit and send it direct to Cora
it would be rather the better way now after
any suit that you care the least for
I will take and pay you when you
come home I hardly think Cora
is having very nice things but I have
not seen any as yet but some small
~~pilow~~ pillow cases she was making
now I hope you will not say any thing a
bout this but she was making them cross
ways of the cloth and you know that is
not very nice pleas do not mention it to
any one I think Cora is so nice but
she has not learned just the nicest ways
but all is right. I think one nice suit with
that you give them will be all right and
enough for us dont you think so to.
Dear Mina do not go around to much
with Lewis and get tired but come home
with her if you can and stay untill Cora
is well. Lewis will gett the little boys
some clothes and it may be you can
go with her and it will not be as hard as to



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Title
[FI001ABJ], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, June 14th, 1887

Editor's Notes
15-8019. I was glad to read a letter of you own handwriting, not that I was not pleased with Miss Johnson's writing and letter. I told Robbie and Louise that I never saw TAE seem any better. He was as happy and as nice as anyone could be. Louise is thinking of coming to see you and perhaps Alice too. How do you prosper in your new room. I hope TAE likes it.

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Alice Newton (Mrs Jacob)

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I am glad the Doctor speaks so well of dear Pa I hope he is not so poorly as we all feared he seemes to feel pretty well now from your Mother

Mina dear will you please look in one of the bookes on your table in the guest room and find some of little Tombo and save them for me I forgot them, I hope if Janies and Auntebbie will go to see you you will have a good time and you will feel well but donot worye in the least but be contented and happy, how do you prosper with your new room I would love to see it. I know it is pretty I hope Mr Edison will be disapointed with it and will like it ever so much and all will like it, Well please rember me to Miss Ewen and tell her I hope she likes you for I do. I love you,

Dear Mina did all Mr Fords come the evening we left please give them my respectes and I hope we can meet them sometime yet. I hope dear Mina just as soon as you are well enough you will call on all your neibours and try to feel at home with all go all you can and have a good time, Pa is still a sleep but the bell has rung.

Akron, Oh, June 14th 1887.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

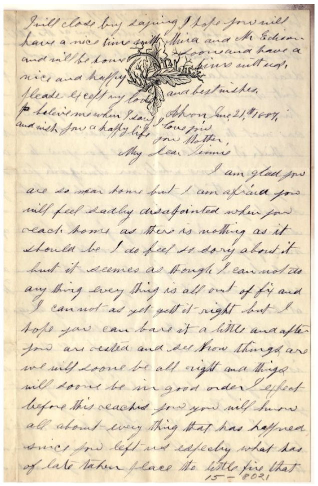
I can tell you I was glad when I read a letter that was of your own hand writing not that I was not pleased with Miss I—s writing and letter but it seemed old times to me to read your own writing and I was glad my darling was able once more to write and able to walk and look around a little but I do hope she will be very carful and not do to much but get right strong and be sure that you are able to do what you would like before you try I do hope you are a grate deall stronger now than when you did write me your very

15-8019

companied with them² when every thing so dark it some times turnes to³ the brightes part
of our lives we all love sunshine; Thomas did not like her school and dose she think
she will be glad to start there I hope she will for I think it will do her good have is. little [illegible]

nice letter When your letter came to me to day I was downe taking dinner with Robbie and Louie Mrs Doctor Thornton was with me we had a very plesent time and they wanted to know just how you and Mr Edison was they seemed so glad to learn that both were better I tolde them I never saw Mr Edison seem any better he was as happy and as nice as any one could be Louies thikes of coming to see you and it may be Aunt Alice will be with her would you like to have them come now I tolde them I thought you would uncle Jacob is going west and Aunt Alice said it would be a good time for her to go Louies wanted Aunt Alice to come and take drive with us but she was not well enough so uncle Jacob had to come alone,

I am now waiting for your little Brothers to come home it is half past eleven donte you think that late for them to be out they have gone to the Fourpaw show they think it a little of a frond as they have just come in and are tell all over to me I think they change a good if they much of a show, or circus, attenders, well good night we are all going to bead now I hope you and dear Mr Edison will rest well and feel good in the morning kiss each other for me. Good morning Mina dear and pleas say good moring to Mr Edison also for me to. while I am waiting for the bell to call us for Breakfast I will try and finish these few lines I am a going to the Congregational church to day to help a bout a dinner thy Laides are a going to have here, it lookes a little dark this moring but sometimes such a moring as this makes the brightes days I often think our lives may be



I will close by saying I hope you will
have a nice time with Mina and Mr Edison
and will be home soone and have a
nice and happy time with us,
please accept my love and best wishes,
& believe me when I say I love you
and wish you a happy life
your Mother,

Akron June 21,st 1887,

My dear Jennie

I am glad you
are so near home but I am afraid you
will feel sadly disapointed when you
reach home as there is nothing as it
should be I do feel so sorry about it
but it seemes as though I can not do
any thing every thing is all out of fix and
I can not as yet gett it right but I
hope you can bare it a little and after
you are seated and see how things are
we will soone be all right and things
will soone be in good order I expect
before this reaches you you will know
all about every thing that has happned
since you left us espesly what has
of late taken place the little fire that

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I will close by saying I hope you will
have a nice time with Mina and Mr Edison
and will be home soon and have a
nice and happy time with us,
please accept my love and best wishes.
& believe me when I say I love you
and wish you a happy life

Akron June 21st 1887,
your Mother,

My dear Jennie

I am glad you are so near home but I am afraid you will feel sadly disapointed when you reach home as there is nothing as it should be I do feel so sorry about it but it seemes as though I can not do any thing every thing is all out of fix and I can not as yet gett it right but I hope you can bare it a little and after you are seated and see how things are we will soone be all right and things will soone be in good order I expect before this reaches you you will know all about every thing that has happned since you left us especialy what has of late taken place the little fire that

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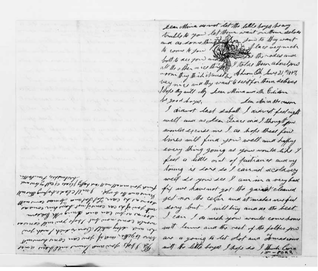
that we had just us back quite a good deal and has changed things a good bit, Now Linnie we have not got any furniture for you room now if you are not to tired and can have the time I think it would be nice for you to look at some while in New York Pa says he thinks you would like ~~th~~ to select your owne furniture we under stand you have a rug for the flore now if you can I think it would be nice to look and price furniture and then you can send for it when you are ready at home. Dear Linnie I am sorry things are not in a better condition but I hope you will over look all that is not wright and be happy with us and enjoy what we have the very best you can We have pretty good girles now I think with a little patience and teaching they will do and be quite good to us they are all strangers to you and you to them so it will seem a little odd for a little time but I think all will soon be right I am a poore teacher so I have not taught them any thing since they have ben with us after you have ben with them a little time I wish you would tell them some nice things and help them to be good girls you know what a poor teacher I am so I would like if you would help me a littl after all is settled and you are rested,

I or we are all alone now Pa is in St Louis also Louis Eddie at the Lake Mame at Thuberston with Miss Leuttle Ira and Robbie and Mina at ther homes so no one but Grace John Theodor are at home and it is so lonesome I can not do any thing that I want to do, I do hope these few lines will find you well and happy and in good sprites in every way I expect Mr Marvin will meet you also the little boys and I hope with Pa and Louis to meet you at home also Grace,

Dear Linnie will you please get the little boys some clothes they will tell you what they neade as they will be with you, dear Linnie I hardly know what more to write to you as the little boys and Eddie will be with you and they will tell all and it may be alittle more. ~~I will close~~ so



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15-8022. I wish you would come home with Jennie and let Dot and the little boys come. Cora expects to be sick in August. Pa and Lewis are in St. Louis. We received a telegram from you this morning asking about Jennie's boat. If you are well and do not get tired you will have everything all right. Remember you can't stand as much just now as you used to but if you keep well all will be right in a short time. Hope you and TAE come soon. Let Dot and Thomas come with Jennie and the boys.

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Miller, Lewis
- Edison, William Leslie
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)
- Miller, Lewis Alexander

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Dear Mina do not let the little boys be any
trouble to you let them wait on them selves
and do some thing for you to they want
to come to you

place very much
both to see you and see the rodes and
all the other nice things I told them about you
room they think it must be Akron, Oh, June 21, 1887,
very nice and they want to see it for them selves
I hope they will My dear Mina and Mr Edison
be good boys, Dear Mina the reason
I didnt last sabath I didnt feel right
well and as dear Grace did I thought you
would excuse me I do hope these few
lines will find you well and happy
every thing going as you would like I
feel a little out of patiance and my
tung is sore so I can not scold very
well so you see I am in a very bad
fix we have not got the garret cleaned
yet nor the celar and it makes me feel
sory but I will try and do the best
I can I do wish you would come home
with Jennie and the rest of the folks you
are a going to let Dot and or Tomas come
with the little boys I hope so I think Cora

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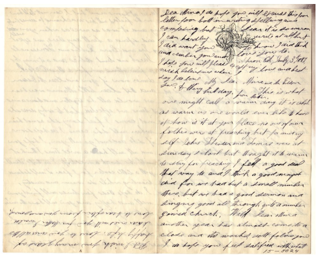
P.S. I hope you and Jennie will have a nice
time together and if you can come home with
her and stay while Cora is sick I wish you
would come now but I hope you will come as
soon as you can and bring Mr Edison
with you if he can come if not have him come as
soon as he can. Let Dot and Tomas come with
Jennie and the boys. I will close hoping this will
find you in all well and happy please accept my love and
best wishes, from Mother

effects to be sick in August dont
you think you can come now and
stay until then I do wish you could
Cora and Ira are well and happy,
Pa and Lizzie are at St Louis Edith
at the Lake so no one at home but
Grace John and Theodor you can imagine
how I feel lonesome enough.
We received a Telegram from you
this morning asking about Jennies
boat she was to sail in. but you
didnot mention a word about how
you were why did you not tell me
a little about your self and all it seemes
so long since I did hear from you
I wish I could hear every day if
I cannot see you I do feel so anxious
to know just how you are it always
does me good to know all about how
you are also all the rest of your folkes,
have you got your room or roomes
finished I hope so and Mr Edison
as well as your self are perfectly pleased
with them please tell me all about them when
you write tell me what Mr Edison says also
all the others. is Miss Louson with you
I hope so if not I do hope you felt
well when she left and you have taken
good care of your self and have kept
well do my dear Mina and keep well if
you are well and donot get tired you
will have every thing all right getting
tired makes one feel as though every
thing was wrong dont gett tired remember
you cannot stand as much just now
as you used to but if you keep well
all will be right in a short time it
may seem strang that you are not as
strong as be before but it is a fact
it will be a little while you will be a little
weak and get tired some strang as it
may seem try and be carful take good
care of your health, Dear Mina I donot
get treated as nicely at home as I do when at your
home when I have my lunch I have to go and get it
my self and hold it in my lap all by myself as grace does not take lunch with me any more, it is a
raining now I do hope it will not rain very long as it makes it seem so lonesome and time so long
it has been very warm and dry for some time so a little rain will do good.



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Dea Mina I do hope you will excuse this poor
letter poor both in writing spelling and
composing but dear it is so warm
I can hardly write at all but
I did want you to know I did think
and remember you and love you to.
I hope you will please accept my love and best
wish believing me when I
say I do love you. & Many birthday. from Mother.

Akron Oh, July 3rd 1887,

My Dear Mina and Mr Eldon

This is what one might call a warm day it is about as warm as one would ever like to have it how is it at your place no one of our folkes were at preaching but Pa and my self John Theodor and Tomas were at Sunday school but thought it to warm to stay for preaching I felt a good deal that way to and I think a good mayot did for we had but a small number there. but we had a good sermon and singing good all through. quite a number joined church. Well dear Mina another year has almost come to a close and its works doth follow you I do hope you feel satified with what

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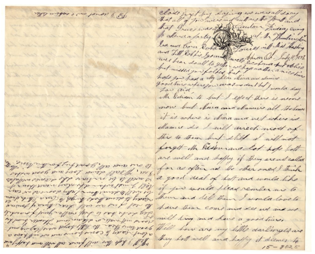
PS I wish you many years of
happy life. love to you and all the
dear ones with you from Mother I would
love to hear often from you and yours,

be hear in time you remember it is the 24th pa is at home now but I can not tell how
long he will be with us as he is working hard in the fields with his machians pa seemed pretty
you have acomplished and the year coming
or a bout comencing will be a happy year
and every thing will be as near your liking
as this little world can give you we
can never have every thing just as we
think we would like but it is some
times it is better that we do not always ~~ax~~
have it as we think it aught to be after
a little time we see where it is better that
every thing is not as we would like, some
times I gett very much discontented
and unhappy because I do not have
things just when I want them and as
I think they aught to be but how much
better when I take things easear
and not worey and contented mind
is grately to be derived and admired
by every one, I hope to see my dear
Mina and Mr Edison more this next
year than the year that is about to close
I wish you and yours would be hear
to take dinner under the old bark house

and it was as nice as when you ~~did~~
well,
did spend a birth day there, we expect
Ira and Cara Robbins and Louries uncle
Jacob and Aunt Alice and a it may be
a few others in for a three O'Clock
dinner now if you and dear Mr Edison
and that dear little Mamie were hear
we would all be together and have a nice
time we expected Dot to why dose she
not come I feel sorry she is not hear
when will she come I do hope soone
if she dose not go with you, I hope you
and all will have a nice time I think it
will be such a nice trip I do hope it will
gett a little cooler for I fear it will be hard
traveling while so warm and dusty,
I do hope these few lines will find you
well and happy and you will have the nicest
birth day time you ever had and every
one will grow better and better, dear Mina
have you sent pa's shirt in to have some
mad for pa and do you think they will



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close just by saying we were all sorry
that all of you were not with us the Fourth and
that Grace was at Canton Friday evening
to attend a party at Mr Huntington's

Ida and Cora Robb[illegible] Jonies with Miss Hasting
and Little Robbie I go and well
Akron Oh. July 11th 1887.
we hear so all together Jacob and aunt Ethie
we had a rather a nice time
but missed you folkes but I
hope you had a good time where you was no dont but

My Dear Mina and Mamie

I would say Lou did Mr Edison to but I expect there is noone now but Mina and Mamie all the time it is where is Mina and next where is Mamie so I will direct most of this to them but still I will not forget Mr Edison and Lot hope both are well and happy if they are not called for as often as the other ones I think a good deal of both and would like if you would pleas rember me to them and tell them I would love to have them come and see us and we will try and have a good time.

Well how are my little darlingels are they both well and happy it seemes to

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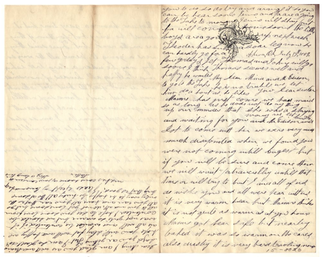
Well I hope this will find all well and happy and about ready to come home and we will have a good time hear the little boys were playing out doors with water or steam and Theodor burnt his Leg so he has to keep rather quiet for awhile the rest of us are well Dear Mina if you are ready to send those things to Cora I think it would be well to send them pretty soon as we can tell just when she may need them it is well to be in time she seemes well also Ira. We all send love and good wishes to one and all. good bye for this time. Mother

PS I donot owe Eather a letter

and you may enjoy seeing them often
you get this you have read Jumbo and you
see it has been an age since, I had
a letter from any or either of you
Grace says she is not a going to
write to either of you until she has
a letter from you she thinks you have
forgotten her she thinks Lot has
forgoten her all together now why
do we not gett more letters from
you but I expect you are so busy
visiting and sight seeing now I
am so glad each can cheer each
other and make life happy and can
help each other to plan and do as
you would like now my dears if
I were you I would not come home
until you are ready to stay at the
Lake and then come home and stay
with us and gett rested and have a
good time visiting It is a little cooler to
day but it would be very hot and hard
to travial even to day as cool and nice as
it is I do hope all of you had a nice time

hope Mr Eison likes also, Well I expect before
know about all the news there is so I will
Washington and the other places that you may
have visited I think it is so nice to see
our owne country before going abroad but
if you can I hope both will go east and
enjoy the trip there it is nice to comprie
the different countrys. When do you think
you will be at the Lake now it may
be I will not gett there as I want to go out
west this fall or when ever Eddie goes
I hardly know when he will go so I can
not tell when I will go, I was not at church
to day as Thealer burnt his leg a little
and could not go so I staid with him
but the rest were there Thomes and all
are well Pa is at the Lake and Eddie has
just started up there he has gone to gett
the boat fixed and ready for any that may
want it. Now dear Mina do you feel
a year older and every thing changed
since the sixth of last July every
year makes a little change I hope the little
presents that Pa got from Mr Things
store at St Louis is pleasing and useful.



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Akron, Oh. July 15th 1887.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison,

Your dear sister Mamie has just come we had maid up our mindes that she was a staying and waiting for you and Mr Edison and Dot to come with her we were very much much disapointed when we found you were not coming untill Augest but if you will be sure and come then we will wait patiancetly untill that time or will try to but I and all of us do wishe you and all were hear with us it is very warm hear but Mamie thinks it is not quite as warm as at your house Mamie got hear safe but nearley baked it was so warm on the cars also dusty it is very hard travling now

you to do so do try and arrange it so you can be hear soone Jennie and Pa are a going to the Lake to morrow Jennie will stay but Pa will come home soone the little boys are a going up next week Theoder has such a soar leg now he can hardly go for a few days yet Thomas and John will go soone I think Thomas seemes well and happy he wantes to go to the Lake he is no trubble we let him do a bout as he likes so as long as he dode not do any thing wrong we let him go

dear Mina I am glad you are well and Mamie says you ar getting fat I am so glad I do hope you will stay fat well and happy we are all well and would be contented if it was not quite so warm but we should be contented I hope to see you soone love from all to you and all. do not get lonesome but go all you can and have all you can that is the only way to be happy be busy all the at some thing that is good. Please except my love and best wishes come soone as you can and stay a long time

Mother

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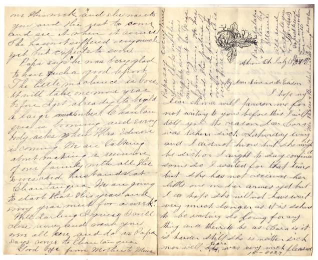
Mamie said she thought you would like if some of us would come and stay with you a while but Dear Mina I think it would be better for you to come hear and then you could rest and we all could be together again I do hope all of you will come soone. We are going over to Iras for supper this eving and I with all the rest wish you and Mr Edison were hear to go with us Cora seemes well and happy she dose not go out very much now and it would be so nice for her and you to be to gether a little I think Cora is very good company and enjoyes company very much Ira and Cora make quite a nice couple and I think get along to gether very well Louis and Robbie are well and doing well Lewie with a lot of other young folkes went down there with four Horses and the Wagon ~~net~~ I expect

they are having a gay time but it must be very hot for them if they are on the road but Lewie said they were a going to picnic all the way so they may be under a larg tree eating and talking all kindes of nonsense and do not feel the heat that is the only way to keep cool. Mamie says or telles us you were very much pleased with your present from Pa I am so glad you like it and hope you will have many many happy times with your friendes eating and drinking on and out of them I think it would be nice for you to come as far as the Lake and stop a few days and then come down to home and stay with me untill they all get home a gain and by that time Dear Cora will be all over with her hard work and you can be hear to see the little expected one and see how Cora gettes a long I think that will be so nice for



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Akron Oh July 18th 1885

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

I hope my dear Mina will pardon me for not writing to you before this I will tell you the reason dear Cara was taken sick Saturday ening and I did not know but she might be sick or I ought to say confined some so I waited for that time but she has not received her little one in her armes yet but I do hope she will not have wait very much longer as it is so hard to be waiting so long for any thing and then to be as Cara is it is harder still she is neither sick nor well. ~~She~~ Leora was very much pleased

15-8027

Papa say every time you looks on the bright side you may count a kiss from him. He has had the picture of our yard painted over again so it is very nice now

Papa dictates + written by Mama

All send love to you & Thom(as)

Expect to send more news when we write

Mr. Bates + Butchel are still living but very low.

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one this week and she wants you and the rest to come and see it when it comes. She has not suffered very much yet but expects to soon.

Papa says "he was very glad to have such a good report. The little machine is boss. It will take one more year before I get already to build a large ~~machine~~ number. Chautauqua is booming and every body asks when Mrs. Edison is coming. We are talking about making a reunion of our family with all the wives and husbands at Chautauqua. We are going to start that this year and every year meet for a week."

Well darling I guess I will close now and wish you were all here and do as Papa says come to Chautauqua.

Good bye from Mother to Mina

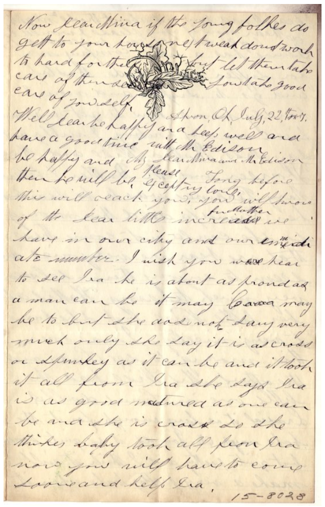
with every thing you sent and I (Mina - Mama has gone out + I am going to take possession. Don't tell her. I think you are real mean - why don't you answer my letter. Good-bye. Grace). think they are lovely too. I will pay you as soon as pa gives me the money.

Thomas is well and is enjoying himself and is not the least bit of trouble to me. I hope you will join us at Chautauqua if you cannot here. We would love to have you and Mr. Edison with us sitting on the porch. Dr. Goodrich is over and Mr. Marvin is here now with Jennie we thought we'd leave and come in here and talk with you on paper. (Mamma Grace

Mame) and we have been talking of you most of the time. Gracie has just returned from prayer meeting.

It seems a little cooler today and it seems you ought to be with us and wonder very much why you and Marion do not come. (mama I have told every body that you are coming when Mr. Edison goes on the hunt so you must be sure and come) I would love to have Dot come and feel free and easy with us. Dot said to me when I left that she thought Grace did not want her But that is not so she is welcome any time.

Cora is expecting her little



Now dear Mina if the young folkes do
gett to your house next weak dont work
to hard for them but let them take
care of themselves you take good
care of yourself.
Well dear be happy and keep well and
have a good time with Mr Edison
be happy and then he will be.

Akron, O, July 22, 1887.
My dear Mina and Mr Edison
please
Accepting love.
Long before
this will reach you, you will know
of the dear little further increase we
have in our city and our immediate number. I wish you were hear
to see Ira he is about as proud as
a man can be it may Grace may
be to but she dose not say very
much only she say it is as cross
or spunkey as it can be and it took
it all from Ira she says Ira
is as good natured as one can
be and she is cross so she
thinkes baby took all from Ira
now you will have to come
soone and help Ira.

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Now dear Mina if the young folkes do gett to your house [illegible] doun & work to hard for them but let them take care of themselves you take good care of yourself.

Akron, Oh, July, 22, 1887.

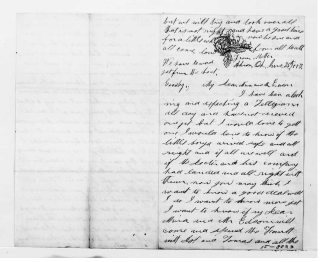
Well dear be happy and keep well and have a good time with Mr Edison be happy and My dear Mina and Mr Edison then be will be, please accept my love. Long before this will reach you, you will know of the dear little increase for Mother we have in our city and our immediate number. I wish you were hear to see Ira he is about as proud as a man can be it may Cora may be to but she does not say very much only she say it is as cross or spunkey as it can be and it took it all from Ira she says Ira is as good natured as one can be and she is cross so she thinks baby took all from Ira now you will have to come soon and help Ira.

15-8028

dear Mina how is it about those night shirts of pa's I cannot find the bill of
Of them now if you please I would like if you would send it to me I want to
pay as soone as I can pa seemes to like them very much we gave them to him
yesterday as he would not be hear sunday

Jennie has a little company in for supper so I hade to stop and go to supper and now I hardly know how to get my mind fixed on my writing I will just say Miss Hattie Wise and Mr Thouser and Mr Buttler I believe Mary Perkins was to be hear but her Grandpa died this moring so she could not come these that are hear are very nice and seem to enjoy them selves very much teasing Hattie about her little Neice but she bares it very nicely. I was over this moring to see Cora and the other Mrs Wise had the little one in Coras dolles Cradial it is larg enough for it the babe weighs 6½ pounds it is quite small but quite pretty and I think it will make a very pretty babe when it

getts older I do wish you were hear with us now we would have such a good time as all are away but Jennie Mamie Grace and we have all the girls so there is no nead of my doing any thing. Jennie John Theodor Johmas started to the Lake yesterday so to day they are all at the Lake Pa had to go to Pittsburg this moring and he will not be home before Tusday Mamie and Grace are agoing to Canton to morow and stay over sunday I think that is to bad I do not want them to do so, Now dear Mina I do wish you and Mr Edison would come home with Lins and Eddie when they come it will do both of you good to come now do come I do wish you were hear now for it must be very warm and lonesome there through the day whilst Mr Edison is at work in his office it is to hot for him to work so close he had better stop and rest.



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Title

[FI001ABL], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, June 26th, 1887

Editor's Notes

15-8023. I've been waiting for a telegram all day. Want to know if the little boys arrived safe and if the Doctor and his company have landed. Will you and TAE come and spend the Fourth of July and bring Dot and Thomas? So glad you and TAE like the new room.

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Vincent, John Heyl
- Edison, Marion Estelle

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but we will try and look over all
that is not right and have a good time
for a little wh now be sure and
all come, love from all to all
from Mother

We have no word
yet from the boat.

Goodby,,

Akron, Oh, June, 25th 87,

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

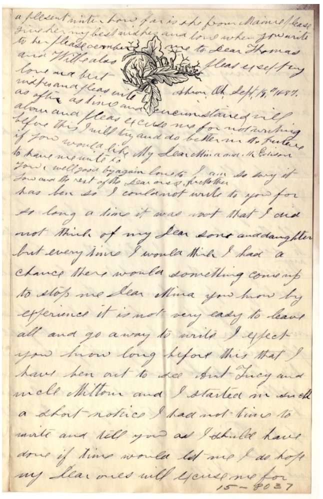
I have ben a looking and expecting a Tellegram all day and havnot received one yet but I would love to get one I would love to know if the little boys arrived safe and all right and if all are well and if the Doctor and his company had landed and all right with them, now you may think I want to know a good deal well I do I want to know more yet I want to know if my dear Mina and Mr Edison will come and spend the Fourth with Lot and Tomas and all the

I will close by sending my love to you and all the dear ones that are with you and
all hope to see all of you very soon I am sorry we are not in better order

rest of us Ira and Cora Robbie and Louies are coming home and now we want you all to come with Jennie and the rest that are with you at this time, I am not a goingto write a very long letter this time as Aunt Lidia and Locte. Car are hear also pa came home last evenig so you see I have to entertain a little, I am so glad Mr Edson and yourself like your new room I cannot see how any one can help liking it for what I saw of it I thought it would be nice I am so glad you are well and can enjoy it and all can have a nice time togther in it and all the house in fact there is nothing so nice as to be well and feel contented and happy if you are happy all will be happy that are with you may that always

be your lot. Mr Marine is also very ancious to hear if the boat had landed that had such a precous load on it, we are all well and anciously wanting to hear from you now dear Mira and the Edison with Lot and Tomas be sure and come to stay a while with us any to spend the fourth all want you all to come be sure and come. pa sendes his regardes Tine didnot come home with pa but will be home some time this week, I hope the little boys are good and doing all they can to make it plesant for all I hope also Edie will get the Irisgrand fixed all right please tell them all I hope they will all be good children and try to make as little trouble as possible

I am so glad dear Maime is through please give her my best wishes, Thellan Stoner was at church but I didnot gett to speak to her she looked well and all right.



Akron, Oh, Sept 19th 1887.

My Dear Mina and Mr Edison I am so sorry it has ben so I could not write to you for so long a time it was not that I did not think of my dear sons and daughter but every time I would think I had a chance there would something come up to stop me dear Mina you know by experience it is not very easy to leave all and go away to write I expect you know long before this that I have ben out to see Aunt Lucy and uncle Milton and I started in such a short notice I had not time to write and tell you as I should have done if time would let me I do hope my dear ones will excuse me for

15 – 8037

a plesent winter how far is she from Maime please give her my best wishes and love when you write to her please remember me to dear Thomas and Will also please except my love and best wishes and pleas write as ofte as time and circumstances will allow and pleas excuse me for not writing before this I will try and do better in the future if you would like to have me write to you, well good by again love to you and the rest of the dear ones, Mother

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[FI001ABM1], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, September 19th, 1887

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Seminole Lodge and Fort Myers
- Bradford Academy
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Edison, William Leslie
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- Alexander, Hugh Milton
- Alexander, Lucy Ann, (Mrs John E. Hunter)

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a plesent winter how far is she from Maine please
give her my best wishes and love when you write
to her please remember

me to dear Thomas
and Will also pleas except my
love and best
wishes and pleas write
as often as time and circumstances will
Akron, Oh, Sept 19th 1887.
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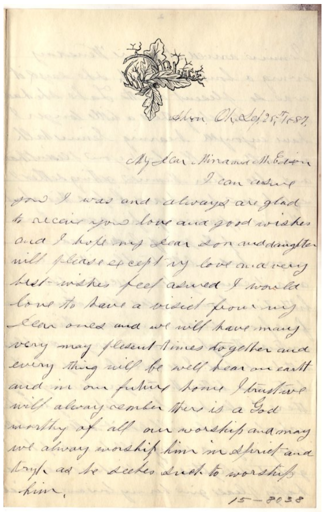
before this I will try and do better in the future
if you would like
to have me write to
My Dear Mina and Mr Edison
you. well good by again love to
you and the rest of the dear ones, Mother
I am so sorry it
has ben so I couldnot write to you for so long a time it was not that I did not think of my dear sons and daughter but every time I would think I had a chance there would something come up to stop me dear Mina you know by experience it is not very easy to leave all and go away to write I expect you know long before this that I have ben out to see Aunt Lucy and uncle Milton and I started in such a short notice I had not time to write and tell you as I should have done if time would let me I do hope my dear ones will excuse me for

15-8037

each other and if they can help each other do so I hope you left dear Mamie well and happy also
dear Lot I had a very nice letter from dear Lot thanking me for the little gift I thought it was very nice
in her to write such a nice note I do hope she is well and happy and likes her school and she will have

this time I had a letter in the evning
from Mary telling how poorly her pa
was and she wished I would come
as soone as I could so the next moring
pa said I should go so I had to look
after a few little things and get ready
it took all the day we started in the eving
got to Aunt Lucys the seconed moring
traveling two nights found her and
all the rest well and very much surprised
to see us we or I staid there until
Thursday and then went to uncle Milonies
expecting to find him in the house
and it might be in bead but no he
was neither place but out in the field
plowing feeling pretty well for him
his sick ~~spells~~ neds comes on by
spelles and seemes most like death when
he is sick the docters say it is the softning
of the Brain and life is very uncertain
but darling that is so with all of us
we can not tell when our time will comes

Jenie is sitting by me talking about what
he had best do this coming winter it is
a little hard to tell what is the best for
him but I think the shop is the best for the
present it is so nice when one is fixed in
some good buiness, Well my dear I thank
you very much for your very kind offer of
your cottage at Fort Myers I am afraid
your pa would not be contented without
Mr Edison I have not said any thing as
yet to him but fear he will refuse if you
do not go pa and all of us are very well
and I do hope these few lines will find
all well and happy and every thing moving
along as you would like I hope the fire
damagies are all fixed up and everything
in order, Ira came home Sunday moring
and he said Jenie was with you but
was a going to start home this eving
I hope you and she had a very plesent
and ~~proftiful~~ profitable time with each
other it is so nice for sisters to visit



Akron Oh. Sep 25th 1887,

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

I can asure you I was and always are glad to recive your love and good wishes and I hope my dear son and daughter will please except my love and very best-wishes feel asured I would love to have a visit from my dear ones and we will have many very may plesent times together and every thing will be well hear on earth and in our future home I trust we will alway remember there is a God worthy of all our worship and may we alway worship him in spirit and truth as he seekes such to worship him.

15-8038

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Title
[FI001ABM2], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 25th, 1887

Author

- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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My dear Mina and Mr Edison

I can assure you I was and always are glad to receive your love and good wishes and I hope my dear son and daughter will please except my love and very best-wishes feel assured I would love to have a visit from my dear ones and we will have many very may plesent times together and every thing will be well hear on earth and in our future home I trust we will alway remember there is a God worthy of all our worship and may we alway worship him in spirit and truth as he seekes such to worship him, Jennie arived at home Wensday eving a bout 9. Oclock she says it was so plesent at the Lake she had a mind to stay there a little longer I have enjoyed hearing Jennie talk and tell me all about your plesent hours and also dear Mamies getting settled I expect you have heard before this about Mamies experience of fire again there was one of the young ladies near her room had a little truble with her lamp and it caused quite an excitement for a little time I am so glad dear Mamie was free from such an acident Mamie writes as though she was very much pleased with her school I do hope she may like it better and better the longer she may stay there I also hope dear Lot may like her school and she will like it better and better every day and study will be one of her gratest delightes I hope she is well and happy please give her my love and best wishes,

This is sunday afternoon and we are all well and it is a beautiful day we were all at church and Sunday school and enjoyed it very much came home found dinner ready which we always enjoy we had a chicken pie sweet and Irish potatoes cold slaw with cream and beans and a few other little things that generally goes with such a dinner we all enjoyed our dinner very much and then all went out to the green house and took a look at the plants and the work of the past week enjoyed that very much also, now I enjoy trying to write a few lines to you my dear ones but I feel very much afraid you will not enjoy trying to read them they are so poorly done in every way, We all but Ira and his and Grace attended the Reunion yesterday at Cottage Grove, and had a very plesent time, Pa had the old Hackle that his Grandfather used given him also some flax just think how old it is and it has been kept so nicely I think it was so nice that they should give it to you Pa dont you think so too.

have you had Charly and Eddie Bruch
witt you yet Mrs Bruch was witt us
a day or two She said the boys
would love to go out to Minas
and would have a nice time witt

your folkes. do you think you will
be home for Maimes party she hopes
you will, I hope this will find you and
all well and My dear Luie also gis
happy. pleas excpt my love, How it is all do you
do and how are all that you Mother have
charge of I think you must have
nearly all that you can do you
have your self which is the gratest
task of all to keep straight and
do as you please I hope dear Luie
you witt all the rest are having the
very best of a time witt your dear
Brother and sister and also I hope
they enjoy your being there witt them
if they do all is right and all will have
a nice time. I do think our Lawn is
as nice as theres and if next sumer
you have the Same you will have it
nicer than it is now.

15-8036

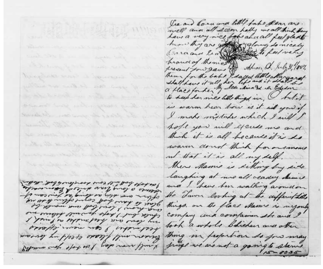
Telegraph pleas when you will start home bring Mr and Mr Edison with you love to all.

from Mother

I have decided to go halves with Mamma on this letter and not waste my intellectual faculties writing to people this after noon.

Love to all

Well Thomas I will pay him back some day.



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Title
[FI001ABM], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, July 31st, 1887

Editor's Notes
15-8035. How are you getting on with such a crowd of young folks around you. "What dose Mr. Edison think of them any way dose he think he ever did as they do. I hope they will not disgust him so much that he never will want them or any of your friendes come to his house again." I hope to see you and TAE come home with the crowd. Pa, Jennie, Grace, Dot, John, Theodore, and Thomas are having a nice time at the Lake.

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Miller, Lewis
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Miller, Grace A

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Ira and Cora and little babe Pearl are.
well and all seem happy we all think they
have a very nice babe and all feel glad to
know they are g[illegible] along so nicely
Cora and Ira [illegible] to feel very
proud of the nice
present you gave

Akron O. July 31st/1887.

them for the babe I says little Margaret
shall have it all her life and it shall be
a place for her

My Dear Mina & Mr Edison

to keep her nice little things in, O but it
is warm hear how is it with you if
I make mistakes which I will I
hope you will excuse me and
think it is all because it is so
warm do not think for one moment
that it is all my self.
Here Mamie is sitting by side
laughing at me all ready Mamie
and I have been walking around on
the Lawn looking at the different little
things on the place Mamie is my only
company and companion she and I
took a whole chicken and other
thing in proportion so you may
judge we are not a going to starve

15-8035

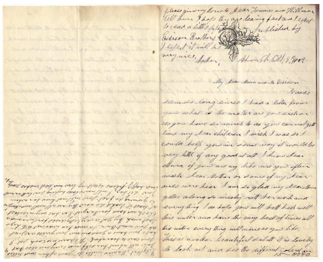
I will now say I do hope you and Mr
Edison will please except my love and
best wishes I can never express
my love and best wishes as I wish I
could but I hope you will believe me
and know I love both and would be
glad to have both come often to see us.
often and stay as long as you can it
seems a long time since Mr Edison was hear
I do hope both will come soon love to both, Mother

Maime say I come home be sure and come home soon 3

COME HOME!!!!! think you [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] these letters of mine I will [illegible] tell you [illegible] [illegible] again so now

if we are hear alone. I often think
and wonder how you are getting
along with such a crowed of noisy
young folkes around you what
dose Mr Edison think of them any
way dose he think he ever did as
they do I hope they will not disgust
him so much that he never will
want them or any other of your
friendes come to his house again
please tell me all about how they do
if they are good or not and if Mr Edison
likes them or not I hope to see you
and Mr Edison coming home with
the crowed you will come want you
I hope all of you will gett hear for
Mamie party yes Hattie Wise I hope they
will have a nice time,
Pa Sims and Grace Dot Johnie P
Theoder and Thomas are having a nice
time at the Lake I expect do you think
you and Mr Edison will be at the Lake

this time I think it would be nice
if when you come home you could
stop a few days so as to see how
it lookes there and see if you like
it well enough to come early next
year if you can be there we will try
try and be there in time to have
every thing ready when you come a
long the place so you can be saved
a hard ride. I expect little Thomas
will not want to come next sumer as
he was much frightened the other
day he with Johnie and Theoder and some
other little boys got to laughing at
some little thing in the middle of
a very nice sermon and the police
man come and took all of them out
little Thomas did not want to go so the
policeman had to lead him and it
frightened him very much he said he
never would do so any more the others
went right a long and all was all right
in a little time they all went home all right



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Title
[FI001ABN1], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, October 9th, 1887

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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please give my love to dear Tommie and Willman tell them I hope they are leaning fast and I expect to read a little paper published by Edison Brothers I expect it will be very nice. Mother,

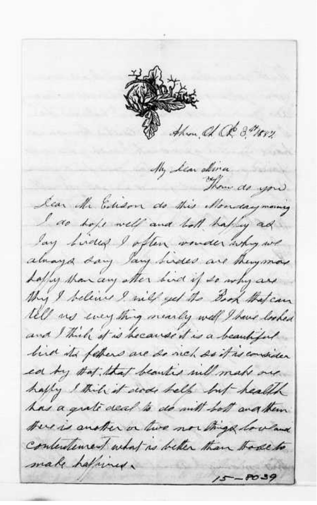
Akron O, Oct, 9th 1887.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

It does seem so long since I had a letter from you what is the matter are you sick or do you have so much to do you can not gett time my dear children I wish I was so I could help you in some way it would be very little if any good at all I know dear Mina if you are any like me you often wish dear Mother or some of my dear ones were hear I am so glad my dear Mina gettes along so nicely with her work and every thing I do hope you will both keep well this winter and have the very best of times all this winter every thing will move as you like. This is another beautiful Sabath it is lovely to look out and see the different colered on

15-8040

I expect Mamie writes to you often and telles 4
you all about her self and everyone eles that you care to hear about. We have no cook yet I hope you have a good one and your girlls are just as you want them. Pa and Ira was out to Chicago last weak they got a very pretty dress for Cora and a cloak and hood for Margret Ira has very nice tast at least it looks so now they are all well and Margret is growing so fast you will not know her when you see her, I will now close hoping you both are well and happy please except my love and best wishes good by.



Akron, O. Oct 3rd 1887

My dear Mina
&
How do you
dear Mr Edison do this Monday morning
I do hope well and both happy as
Jay birdes I often wonder why we
always say Jay birdes are they more
happy than any other bird if so why are
they I believe I will get the Book that can
tell us every thing nearly well I have looked
and I think it is because it is a beautiful
bird its fethers are so rich so it is consider
ed by that, that beautie will make one
happy I think it dose help but health
has a grate deal to do with both and then
there is another or two nor things love and
contentment what is better than these to
make happiness.

15—8039

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Title
[FI001ABN], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 3rd, 1887

Editor's Notes
15-8039. How are you getting along with your house cleaning? Does Dot like her school. I would let her come home for Thanksgiving if she wanted to. I hope you and TAE will come for Christmas. Ask TAE if he can get you a girl to help you. I'm sure TAE loves to hear you play and sing.

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Marion Estelle

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Akron, O. Oct 3rd 1887.

My dear Mina

How do you dear Mr Edison do this Monday morning I do hope well and both happy as Jay birdes I often wonder why we always say Jay birdes are they more happy than any other bird if so why are they I believe I will get the Book that can tell us every thing nearly well I have looked and I think it is because it is a beautiful bird its fethers are so rich so it is considered by that, that beauties will make one happy I think it dose help but health has a grate deal to do with both and then there is another or two more things love and contentment what is better than those to make happiness.

15-8039

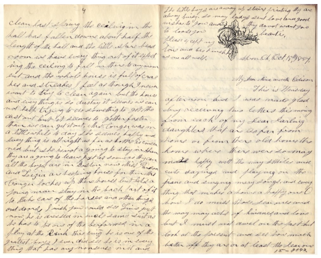
Well Dear Mina how are you getting along with house cleaing are you most through I hope so for it is so hard when it lasts long and have you a good cook I wish you could find one for us when you find yours if you havenot found one yet we will and are trying to get one to Mary leaves the 8th of ~~O~~ November I do hope both of us can get good ones,

How is the weather there it is clear and sunnie but the wind blowes as though it would take every thing before it, Pa is at the office as usal he talkes of going to Chigo this week also Grace Jennie just started to Canton this morning to stay a day or two Mr Brown went to the train with her they still seem to think a good deal of each other what do you think of them, Eddie started at work in the Rollingmill this moring I donot know what Jim

is at he started down town this moring and has not returned yet but I think he is a going to take the street cars and Electric light work, Grace and the two little ~~Gumbo~~ Miller Brothers are at school trying to store up some Book work there is where ~~F~~ Thomas and Willman are also I hope they all may make a good Job of there work does not like her school yet and is coming home Thanksgiving I would let her if she wanted to I donot think Mamie will be home before Christmass then we will all be at home I trust and we will have a good time to gether I do hope Mr Edison will keep well and he will come right a long with you please tell him he must not work to hard this winter but try and take good care of him self and keep well, Ira and Cora were over with little Margret all well little Margret growes so fast but growes pretty we think she can sit up by the time you will get to see her if

best wishes also give it to dear Mr Edison Thomas
and Willman and when you write to dear pet please give
her my love and best wishes. from Mother.

You do not come soon Cora had a
young lady to help her to sow and take
care of the babe that is so nice dont you
think so dear Mina I would have some
nice lady to help you sow and keep
thing in order it is to much for you to
do and she would be nice company for
you to this long cold winter you read
play and sing and please Mr Edison
that is enough after looking after all the
things in the house you ask Mr Edison
if he does not think so to I am sure Mr Edison
loves to hear you play and sing and when
you are tired clear out you can not
do it and feel all right lets have as good
a time as we can while we live if we
enjoy life hear and do all we can to make
life happy and usefull we will be all right
in the life to come let us do as we would
like to be done by. dear Mina have you
received your winter fruit of that lady yet
Jennie thinks she would like some Tomatoes
like you have if you will see her before
she sends out I wish you would ask her to
put in three or four canes or jars Jennie said
yours was so good she wanted some just
like yours. Well dear Mina I will say good by I hope
you will keep well and all the rest please accept my love and



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clean last spring the ceiling in the hall has fallen downe about half the length of the hall and the little spare bead room we have every thing out of it effecting the ceiling to fall in there to any moment and the whole house is full of cracks and streakes I feel as though I never want to try to clean again but the house and every thing is so dustay it seemes we can not help trying to do something to get the dust out but it seemes to gether faster than we can get it out, Mrs Conger was in a little while to day she seemes happy and every thing is all right as far as home is concerned but she is not a going to stay in Akron they are a going to leave just as soone as they can all the boys are in Boston now Miss Pardon and Lizzia are keeping house for them Mrs Conger loches up there house but lets a young man stay in the back part of it to take care of the horses and other things out doors, I wish you could see Tino just now he is dressed in miss sams suit as he has to be one of the performers in a play at the Rink this evening he is one of the gratest boys I ever did see he is in every thing that has any nonsense in it and

The little boys are away up stairs printing they are alway busy. So may ladys sent love and good wishes to you and they do not want you to loose you beauties, please except my love and best wishes we are all well.

Akron Oh, Oct, 19th 1887,

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

This is Wensday afternoon and I was made glad by receiving two letters this moring from each of my dear darling daughters that are so far from home or from there old home the home where there were so may made happy with the may smiles and cute sayings and playing on the piano and singing mery songs, and every thing that makes a home a happy one O how I do miss those dear girls and the may may acts of kindness and love but I must not dwel on the past but look at the present and see how much better off they are or at least the dear ones

I am trying to write now Mary our cook
was in the room and we spoke about
how long you had ben maraid I
said three years she said O no I
think you are mistaken I said no
it will be three soone any way she said
no only two so we had to think a littl
I said this was Iras and Saras anniversary O
they were maraid the year so it cannot
be three but it dose seem so long to
me but I expect and hope it has not
seemed so long to you I donot think
it has for one that has a kind and
good Husband with every thing eles to make
a happy home time dose not seem long
and I do hope there never will any thing
come, to mar or cause unhappiness to
come into you dear home Jennie and
Mr Marvin were over to take dinner with
Ira and Cora and then all went down
to Mr Wises for supper and now I expect
they have gone to the rink ~~so~~ they

will not be home untill late Mina
what do they give the first aniversary
if they give any thing I have wondered all
day but have not ben able to find out yet.
I am so glad you have a good cook
and you have you house cleaned I
know every thing is nice and lovely
Dear Mina we have a cook engaged she
will come as soone as Mary goes I do
thank you for you kindness in trying to
get us one Dear Mina I hope you will
not worry about getting us girles for you have
enough to do in that line for you selves
and then I donot think any girl would
be contented hear in the country so I
hope, all off you girles will prove to be good years
from now for it is such a task to be a
changing and teaching all the time: we
are trying to clean a little to but I
feel so discouraged I donot feel like
doing any thing it seemes to me the house
is worse off now than before we tryed

will live to be well and strong old gentlemen and bott do a grate deal of good in the world and then bott have a happy home above where they will be for ever happy.

Well darling I think I had better stop before I tire you out and you will say well I wonder what got across Mother to write such a lot of stuf, I do hope this will find all well and happy we had a vey nice letter from Mamie she is well

every bodey wantes him to do some-thing for them he is always ready to do any thing out side of house and then he dose pretty well at home to he wantes a birthday party next week he has it all planed out he wantes a big time it seemes impossible to think he is 24 when we look at time that way it goes fast. your pa read his letter that he received from you to day and he witt the rest of us were very much pleased witt it I wish pa could gett such letters often or something that would take his mind off his work a little it is nothing but work all the time witt him but I am so glad he seemes so much better than he did a year or a few months ago I do hope he and dear Mr Edison

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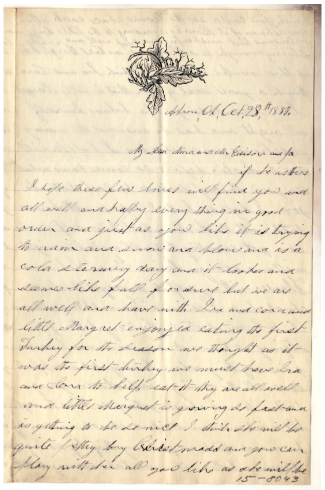
For Mamie I do think Mina more handsome every time I see her except when she got so thin last winter I hope she will always be beautiful both in form and character to Mr Edison if to no one else I join with dear Mamie, we all send love and best wishes to all the dear ones, good by from Mother,



Akron, O., Oct 28th 1887.

My Dear Mina and Mr Edison and pa
if he is there

I hope these few lines will find you and all well and happy every thing in good order and just as you like it is trying to rain and snow and blow and is a cold stormy day and it looks and seems like fall for sure but we are all well and have with Ira and Cora and little Margret enjoyed eating the first Turkey for the season we thought as it was the first turkey we must have Ira and Cora to help eat it they are all well and little Margret is growing so fast and is getting to be so nice I think she will be quite pretty by Christmass and you can play with her all you like as she will be

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I wish you could see the leaves chace each other,
was ashmed of it Cora is a reading to the little boys now.
my love and best wishes try and keep well and happy
Strong enough to sit up and notice things & she
is three months old now I think Ira and Cora
think a grate deal of her that is little Marget
dear Mina dose your Pa behave himself
all right and has he answered the many
questiones you asked him I hope Pa will
see the Docter before he comes home what
do you think of Pa dose he look better to
you I hope so but I hope he will have a
talk with the Docter about him self and he
can gett something that will make him right
well and strong. Jennie Grace John and
Theoder with my self to Sunday school and
church but Eddie and Janie staid at home
but I donot think feel any better for
staying at home it seemes to me I never
gain any thing when I stay at home I feel
lost all the coming week Docter young
talked to us about getting so tired through
the week we cannot attend church on Sunday
he didnot think we gain any thing by doing so
it seemes better when we take one day to think

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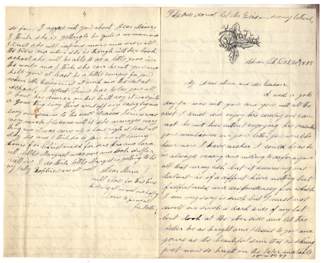
What did you think of my last Sunday letter I
Well I will close for this time hoping you will accept
love to all. good by from Mother.
and study the good one and his workes one
day in a week when we are so buisy we cannot
not think and as as when we stop and rest a
little. dear Mina I am so sorry Aunt Lucy
had no money to give you I wanted Pa to take
a jar to you but he thought he would brake
it we have a little strained honey yet and
if you would like some of it I will send
you some. it is to bad Aunt Abbie didnot go to
see you when so near Robbie and Jonies was
hear with a lady friend a yesterday and they said at
least Robbie said he was afraid if Aunt Abbie waited
for them it would be some time before she would
gett there as he was not making money fast
enough to go a visiting with they said they would
love to go if they had money to go with. I wish
you and Mr Edison would come home with
Pa we would all be so glad to see you both also
the little boys if they can leave their school. Sarah
Jennie who us to be but Mrs Newcom had a
little girl so Mrs Jimis is Grand mam to
Jennie Battles is not sick yet poor girl I fel sorry
for her George dose not attend Sunday school no church.



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so far, I agree with you about Dear Mame I think she is getting to be quite a woman and I trust she will improve more and more all the time and when she is though with her book school she will be able to do a little good in the world and I think she can be with you and help you at least be a little company for you when Mr Edison is at work and the rest at school, I expect Pine has tolde you all a bout his dinner on his birth day it was quite a good thing every thing went off very easy by and every one seemed to be well pleased Jennie was very much pleased with it she managed every thing and it was done up a bout right at least all say so and I think so to you are all coming home for Christmass for sure Ira and Cora with little Margret was over and took supper with us I do think little Marget is getting to be very petty Bobbies are all well Dear Mina I will close for this time hoping all are well and happy

Love to you and all
from Mother,

Please dont let Mr Edison see my letters,

Akron. Oh. Oct, 30th 1887.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

A week a go to day pa was with you and you with all the rest I trust did enjoy his company one can not be with him without enjoying his presents you mentioned in your letter you were like him now I have wished I could be as he is always ready and willing to do for any and all that may ask but it seems my one talant is of a differnt kind nothing but fretfulness and dispondencey for which I am very sorry is such but I must not dwell on such a dark side of my lot but look at the other side and let this letter be as bright and plesent to you and yours as the beautiful sun that is shining just now so bright on the paper and table

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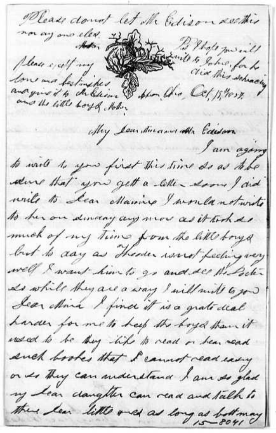
that I am trying to write one,
This is a lovely holy sabatt day and
we are all well and able to be at sunday
school and church. how I wish everyone
had a sunday school and church to go to
and they did enjoy going and they would
grow stronger every time they went the
lessones for to day and next sunday
are of the very best how much we can learn
from them if we study and think over them
aright what a book the book of bookes is
just think of it there is nothing we can say
or do but we find in that book what would
the world be without it the more we read
and study it the more we like it and the stro
nger we are please read the lessones for to
day and next sunday and pleas tell me what
you think of them, Dear Mina what did
you say or what maid you think I did not
enjoy my self at your home it made me feel
sad for I do love to be at your home and
if I could do one thing to make it more plesent

or do one thing that would be of any benifet to
you or yours I would ~~spent~~ spent more time
there but as every thing is all right ~~or~~ and better
than I can make it and can do a little
though a little it is for the little boys at
home hear I feel that hear is my place I would
love to be with you if I could do one thing
that would help you in any way now never
for one moment think I donot like it there
witt you and your happy famaly and I do want
you witt all the rest to come home and bear
happy as happy can be feel contented and have
a good time you said in your letter you
was trying to make others happy now Dear
Ming there is no doubt but you will make all
happy where you are if you are happy to if we
have sunshine in us it will show its self
and brighten up everything around let us try
and let our light shine that others seeing and
knowing us can look at us witt an eye of
trust and beleif. Dear Grace is studdying
up her easy for commencemt what do you think
would be nice for her she is so nice and paticent,



Please donot let Mr Edison see this
nor any one else.
Mother

PS I hope you will
write to John, for he
did this [illegible]

Please except my
love and bestwishes
and give it to Mr Edison
and the little boys Mother

Akron Ohio Oct 15th 1887

My Dear Mina and Mr Edison

I am agoing to write to you first this time so as to be sure that you gett a letter soon I did write to Dear Mamie I would not write to her on Sunday any more as it took so much of my time from the little boys but to day as Theodore is not feeling very well I want him to go and see the Doctor so while they are a way I will write to you Dear Mina I find it is a grate deal harder for me to keep the boys than it used to be they like to read or hear read such bookes that I cannot read easy or so they can understand I am so glad my dear daughter can read and talk to there dear little ones as long as both may

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Mother

PS I hope you will
write to John, for he
did this schracking

Please except my
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and give it to Mr Edison
and the little boys Mother

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I am agoing to write to you first this time so as to be sure that you get a letter soon I did write to dear Mamie I would not write to her on sunday any more as it took so much of my time from the little boys but to day as Theodore is not feeling very well I want him to go and see the Doctor so while they are a way I will write to you Dear Mina I find it is a grate deal harder for me to keep the boys than it used to be they like to read or hear read such bookes that I cannot read easy or so they can understand I am so glad my dear daughter can read and talk to their dear little ones as long as both may

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hire it is so nice to keep the dear ones
with us as long as life may last now you
can teach both music and read as well as
talk with them. Well dear it is I am a trying
to write to now and dear sits Lennie John
Theodore all talking about there rooms a place
to print in and also to sleep in and it
is quite annoyance to me there see what
they are a doing I think I will stop until they
go to bead I did think they were a going to
the doctors when I started but they changed
there minds John Telephoned over to Iras and
found they were a going out to ride as they
wanted to go and see little Margret they thought
they would wait now I think I will have to stop
you will think so to when you look at
the other page well good by until bead time
or until they go to see the doctor, Now they all
want me to go on and write they say they will not
bother me any more the first thing I will ask you
is what would you do with such children
I dont think you would know John if you
should see him in a strange place he ha

My dear Mina I will try and write now as
the boys have started to the doctors and to
see Iras folkes. We are all well and so truly
hope these few lines will find both and all of
you well and happy I can tell you it pleases
me to read such nice letters from you I
was or am sorry I needed or had to receive
that punishment from my dear Mina but
that is right when I do wrong I hope you will
corect me I hope you will please excuse
me this time and I hope to receive letters often
from you I know your time is all taken up
as well as mine and it may be more so
as you have so many more to call and
your work needed you so much that
you have very little time to write I am glad
it isnot so hard for you to write you can
write two or three letters while I can one,
The Womans Foreign Missionary society
closed Friday morning we had Mrs Clark
and Mrs Davis Mrs Burch and Mrs Hill and a
lady from Cleveland they came Tuesday evening

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so I have not had very much time to write or do any thing else I will send the paper with a few pieces marked so you can read them and see how little Akron is doing I think we will all leave the place would you stay in such a place I think it is to bad after such hard work and doing so much for a place as your Pa has done and be treated as he is it is a shame dont you think so. Dear Mina I do feel ashamed to send this to you but if you will not let Mr Edison see it I will feel a little better if I thought I could have time to write this over and one to Dear Mame I would not send it I do hope you will excuse this and I will try and write again this week and when I am alone Dear Mina I wish I could see you and give you a kiss I do want to see you and have a talk with you I do hope you and dear Mr Edison will come and see us soon it may be your Pa will be with you this week but I am not sure dear man he has so much to do I hope the little boys are well and love to go to school also Dot is well and happy I expect you miss Dot and Miss MacWhillan but I should think you would be glad they were not with you but do not mention this to any one but do think it is tedious to have a teacher and one in the house studing. I hope your girls and every thing is all right well I am a going to see if I can write this over I will for I am ashamed of this

should see him in a strange place He has grown so much.

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Preface

This is some old fashioned drawing

I remain your loving sister Grace

I am a Rider

This is Barnum's What is it,

Our way to wretchedness

kiss from He She and C.

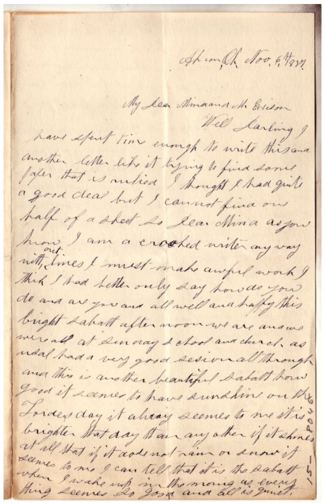
dont you want some cards printed.

Miller Bros.

Good By—

So may Laidies asked about you hoped you were well and enjoyed house keeping they thought it must keep you quite busy.

Please send this Paper to Maine after you are through with it —



Akron, O. Nov. 6th 1887.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

Well darling I have spent time enough to write this and another letter like it trying to find some paper that is rulied I thought I had quite a good deal but I cannot find one half of a sheet So dear Mina as you know I am a crooked writer any way with out lines I must make awful work I think I had better only say how do you do and are you and all well and happy this bright Sabatt after noon we are and we were all at Sunday School and church as usal had a very good sesion all through and this is another beautiful Sabatt how good it seemes to have sunshine on the Lordes day it always seemes to me it is brighter that day than any other if it shines at all that if it does not rain or snow it seemes to me I can tell that it is the Sabatt when I wake up in the morning as every thing seemes So Good and all is quiet.

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Akron, O. Nov. 6th 1887.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

Well darling I have spent time enough to write this and another letter like it trying to find some paper that is ruled I thought I had quite a good deal but I cannot find one half of a sheet so dear Mina as you know I am a crooked writer any way without lines I must make awful work I think I had better only say how do you do and are you and all well and happy this bright Sabbath after noon we are and we were all at Sunday school and church as usal had a very good sesion all through and this is another beautiful Sabbath how good it seemes to have sunshine on the Lordes day it alway seemes to me it is brighter that day than any other if it shines at all that if it does not rain or snow it seemes to me I can tell that it is the Sabbath when I wake up in the morning as every thing seemes so good and all is quiet.

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Dear Mina I will not try to write a letter but wait untill to morrow and send over for paper that is ruled and then I will sit down and tell you every thing I can think that will interest you Dear Mina I forgot to answer you about the flowers thy always come very nicely but Dear Mina do not trey to send any as we have a few and it is a good deal of truble and expence but if you can send a few once in a while to Lot and Mamie it would be very nice and good for them I thank you just as much as if you would send them hear and a little more as we have a few and they have not any do you gett good word from Lot I hope so and she likes her school and will learn a grate deal and make a good and smart warman and Dear Mamie to. Well I think I had better stop or you will say what a woman to tell storys. I will gett paper in moring and write a letter to you soon so now I will say good by please except my love and best wishes kiss each other for me and also the little boys love to all good by from Mother

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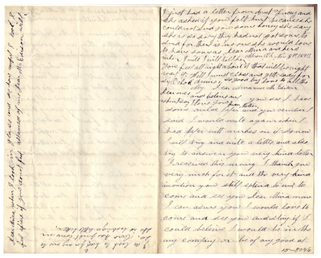
Cora and Ira with little Marget are hear thy are all well and little Marget is growing very fast and is getting to be quite a babe I think by the time you will see her she will be able to tell one from the other but I think she will be glad to go to uncle and Auntie ~~to~~ of Johamas and Mina,

we all send love and best wishes. Please except my love and best wishes and believe me when I tell you I think of you all the time and would love to see you and all the dear ones

I will say good by please write as often as you can and tell me just how you are I would love to know just how you are, well good by from Mother to Dear Mina.



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[FI001ABP2], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, November 9th, 1887

Title
[FI001ABP2], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, November 9th, 1887

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Akron, Oh, Nov, 9th, 1887,

My Dear Mina and Mr Edison

you see I have some ruled paper and you rember I said I would write again when I had paper with marks on it so now I will try and write a little and also try to answear your very kind letter I received this moring I thank you very much for it and the very kind invation you still extend to me to come and see you dear Mina now I can asure you I would love to come and see you and stay if I could believe I would be in the way company or be of any good at.

I just had a letter from Aunt Lucy and she asked if you felt hurt because she couldnot send you some honey she says she is so sorry they hadnot got some to send for there is no one she would love to have some as dear Mina and here when I write I will tell her you feel all right about it that will be right wont it. Well I must close and get ready for 2½ Oclock dinner, so good by love to all the dear ones and believe me when I say I love you from Mother.

dear Mina when I look in glass and se how awful I look I feel afraid if you dont feel ashamed of me dear Mr Edison will.

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I do look to bad for any one to see. Cora has just come in she is looking a little better.

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just now any way they send lotts of love and good wishes to and Brother Thomas
and the little boys and they want them all to come hear Christmass come without fail,

all to you and another thing if you
would go and do just as if I was
not there and you would not ask
me to go any place with you that
is any place for dinner or any getherings
of that kind what ever I would love
to come and just stay with you
and your famaly no place elce
but you must go and not stay
at home for me, I asked pa if he
would go and take thanksgiving
dinner with you but he thinks there
would be to may and he thinks we
had not better come for that time
but thankes you very much for the
invation he wantes all to be together
Christmass we all want you all
to come home then and all the rest
will be hear. you pa and I are
invited out for six Oclock dinner

this after noon at Mr Ballwin and
Faunnfelter they are a going to
join I think and have a dinner
to gether I cannot tell what it will be
like but will tell next time I write
I am so glad you can go out with
Mr Edison I hope you will go all
you can and enjoy every thing as
times flys fast I do hope your
new dress will be just right and you
will feel good in it dear Mina I am
a friend you will feel ashamed of
me as I have nothing new or nice to
wear while at you house and you have
so may gentlemen there all the time
dont you think so to dear Mina as we
are not a going to have any Christmass
we will not have that to think about
or care for now if I can gett my dress
fixed a little and a bonet I will be

quite a nice looking cake for Mamie
her birthday if she onlys getts it
at that time we are a going to start
it so it will go in the moring at 4
Oclock do you think she will gett
it by Sunday that is her birthday
I am so sorry she cannot be with
you thanksgiving but they only have
two days so she will not have time
to come to you house it does not
seem as though it could be she is
so old O how the dear ones are grow
ing up soone all will be a way and
what a lonedy home this will be,
Grace is studying German with Mrs
Tock the little boys are a going to take
Latin and other studyes they have in
school evry day it keepes them quite
buisy all the time they do work for Pa
and the office and for Robbie and Mr
Adderholt and others so all there time
is taken up with work I fear they will think
they cannot take time to come to see you

befor very long and stay untill
you will wish I was hear at
home I think all would be glad
if I would go some place and
stay for I think all feel tried seeing
me arond but let that be as it
may I will come and try my luck
with you and when you want me
to come home you can just put
on your hat and cloack. and th
Edison his with the little boys and
we will have a jolly time hear at
your old home what will Dot do if
she dose not come home Thanksgiving
dase she write as though she was happy
I hope she is happy and loves her
bookes the best of everything she will
make a smart worman if she tryes.
I hope these lines will find you and all
of yours well and happy every thing as
you like we have a new cook this
is her first day she has maid

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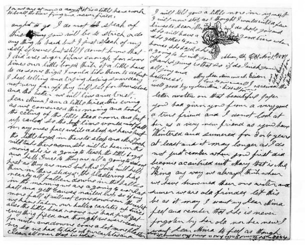

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[FI001ABP], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, November 1st, 1887

Title
[FI001ABP], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, November 1st, 1887

Editor's Notes
15-8044. I received your letter on the beautiful paper an old friend [Mrs. King] gave you. You have wintered and summered with Mrs. King for three or four years. As I know you have a good home and good husband and dear children with you, I feel you are better off than at home. I often wish you could come into your old home and act out Macbeth or any other of your wild and awful plays.

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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King, Mary Hopkins (Mrs Goodman)

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for we are at now a days & it is a little hard work to be all the time fixing and never fixed.

aught to go I do not ~~[illegible]~~ speak of this [illegible] you will be to strick or do any thing to hard but I just speak of my self experence but still I donot know that I did use suger firmes enough for some times our little boys think it a little hard to do some things I would like them to do but I keep telling and trying hoping someday not very far off they will see for themselves and do better we will live and trust.

Dear Mina I am a little tired this eving as we comenced this moning and took the celing of the little bead room and put up carloe so the ~~[illegible]~~ lime would not fall in any ones face while a sleep we have put the little boys in there to sleep and Mrs Loch will take there room she will be hear in the moning she is a going to teach the little boys and help Grace so they are all a going to school just as they are now but Mrs Loch will help them in there studys. the plastering has nearly all fallen down in the hall so in the morning we are a going to work at half and gett canves nailed up so if any more fall it will not come down on the carpet we have taken our haller carpetes up twice also the little bead roome we had just gat everything fixed and thought we were ready for winter and downe come a lot more plaster ing so we had to take up our carpetes and clean all over that is what

I will tell you a little more in my next I will now stop as I thought I would write a few lines to dear Mary I do hope you and she will have a good time when she gettes to your house she says she is a going to be with you Thanksgiving is that so if so I wish you all joy and happiness. well good by my dear Mina - kiss all for me love to you and all

Akron, Oh, ~~Oct~~ Nov 1st 1887

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

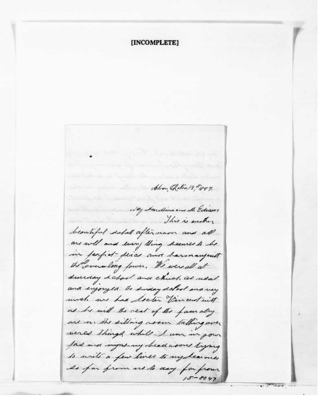
and let Mr Edison kiss you for me Mother

I received the letter written on that beautiful paper you had given you from a very good a true friend and I donot look at her as a very new friend as you have Wintered and sumered for 3 or 4 years at least and it may longer as I do not just rember when you first did become acquinted with Mary that is Mrs King any way we always think when we have knowned them one winter and sumer we are old frindes let this be as it may I want my dear Mina feel and rember that she is never forgoten by her old nor her new I want dear Mina to feel as though

Jeims Batts has a sone this moning it came 15th 8044

every one was by her side and would
love to give and do any thing in there
power to make her happy and contented
now dear I give or do much if any
thing but I can truly say you are
never out of my mind and I would
love to have you with me but dear
as I know you have a good home
a good Husband and dear children
with you I feel as though you had
it far better than if at home with me
now the only thing is for us is to be
contented and make all happy we
can now I can do nothing but try
to schrach down a few broken
thoughts that I have to wonder every
time I do try to write what comfort
or satisfacation can there be in
trying to read such mixed up stuff
but dear Mina if I can say one word
on this paper or any that I use I will feel
paid and it cheered me to think I
do that much for my dear ones, I often
and often wish I could run in and talk with
you and you could come in to your
old home and act out Macbeth or any
other of your wild and awful plays
how often I think of those times when
you got after pa and all the rest of us
and how often I thought of the time you
fell off the porch and we all thought you
were so badly hurt but those days and
times are past and life has commenced in
earnest now we must try and make it
just as plesent and jolly with all the
other good we can do and we can look
back to our present time with just as
much pleasure as we now look back to
the time past, you think it a little task to teach
little boys well I think a little that way to but I
do believe it is the better way to get along with
boys to use sugar than vinegar but when we
do have to use it let it be done with firmness
and caution they soone learn which way

Grace was out Haley eve and this is one of the peas she had left We are all well
and I do hope all my dear ones are well and happy please accept my love and best wishes



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Title
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Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Akron, O., Nov 13th 1887.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

This is another beautiful sabath afternoon and all are well and every thing seemes to be in perfect peice and harmany with the all overruling power. We were all at sunday school and church as usal and enjoyed the sunday school and very much we had Doctor Vincent with us he with the rest of the famaly are in the sitting room talking over veries things whil I am in your pas and myne my bed room trying to write a few lines to my dear ones so far from us to day far from

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each other in body near in mind and thoughts I never forget my dear ones let come who may or what ever may take place the dear ones so far a way come up first and I cannot help but wish they were with us and could hear and talk with us and enjoy sitting around the fire and also sup with us but I am glad my dear Mina has all these blessings and a home far nicer than ours or her old home but with all that I wish her she and hers were with us once in a while any way and we could all have a good old fasion talk and laugh to gether, I am so glad dear Mamie has such a bright sunshiney birthday I hope she enjoyed every moment of the time we sent her a basket

with a little in it I hope she received it in due time and is enjoying its contents so small as it was dear child how strange to think she is 20 years old or has entered that year how time flys she sent us a letter the other day telling us a little of her trubles she thinks she is not doing as well as she or we would like but she says she is a going to study harder and try to learn more she thinks she has been having it to easy ever since she has been there she is very ancious for Grace to learn all she can this winter. I am so sorry Mrs Lock has left us for I do think she would have been such a help to both Grace and the little boys I think she was a good teacher I wish we could get some one like her I am glad the little boys like there school and are learning how does Lot seem to be in her letter writing one

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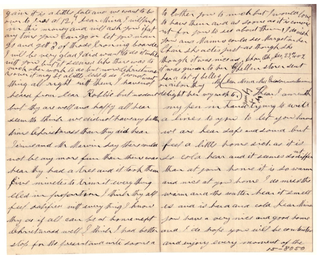
can tell a good deal how they are doing by
there letters I am sorry she thinkes she has
not time to write to Grace any more not so
often for I think writing is quite a good way
to learn it helps to collect your thoughts and
to write and spell it is a very plesent way of
improving spare time it is good most every way
as poor as I am I would not be without what little
I do know for any thing I know of and I am so
glad my dear ones can both spell write and
compose so well I never got a letter from
my dear ones but it cheeres me and makes
time pass more plesently on the acount of some
cheerful word or thought,

I hope these few lines will find all well and happy
to day dear Mina do you expect me to spend Thanks
giving with you and dear Mr Edison and your family
now I am a little afraid I cannot getting dress
done but still I may and I have ben wondering
if you would not rather have come after the
holidays when every thing is quiet and one
hardly know what to do with them selves I have
ben thinking it over and thought I would ask you
and do as you would rather I should do I feel
most afraid Mr Edison and your self to will
feel ashamed of me I can neither say any thing
nor do any thing that is worth any ones attention
or time you have so many with you all the
time I feel afraid. I hope you had a very nice
time at your dinner we had a very plesent time but
it was such a mixed party it keept me busy wonder
ing how it come it was so,



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Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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gain it is a little late and we want to be
over to Jess at 12,4 Dear Mina I will put
in this money and will ask you if at
any time you can go or let your man
go and get 3 of those Ironning boardes
I will be very glad I did want to do it while
with you but it seemed like there was to
much other work to do but now Christmas
is over it may be a little less to do I donot want
thing all right with them, I have not
heard from dear Robbie but no dout
but they are well and happy all hear
seem to think we did not have any better
time Christmass than they did hear
Jennie and Mr Marvin say there could
not be any more fun than there was
hear they had a tree and it took them
five minutes to trim it every thing
elce in proportion I think they all
feel satisfied with every thing I know
they are if all can be at home next
Christmass well I think I had better
stop for the present and write soone a

to bother you to much but I would love
to have them and as soone as it is convie
nt for you to see about them, I do wish
you and Mamie could see Marget in her
Chair she actes just as though she
though it was nice and Akron, Oh, Dec, 29th 1887.
it was given to her ~~G~~ Ffellers store sent
her a lot of belles
on ribon they My Dear Mina Mr Edison and Mamie
delight her very much to.) Yours for Aug Hear I am with
my pen in hand trying to write
a lines to you to let you know
we are hear safe and sound but
feel a little home sick as it is
so cold hear and it seemes so different
than at your home it is so warm
and nice at your home I do miss the
warm and the watter hear it smell
es and is hard and cold Dear Mina
you have a very nice and good home
and I do hope you will be contented
and enjoy every moment of the

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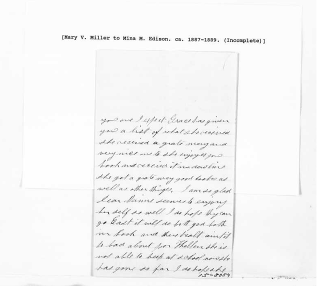
dear Maime I sent to order to Ira I hope he has attended to it, all right I hope
to hear from you soon as Grace and Theoder will be home to morrow, I do thank dear Mina
for the nice time I had with her, hoping all are well and happy I will close

Time you are there I can asure
you I did enjoy myself while
with you and at your home I hope
this will find you and all the rest
well and happy and all had a
delightful time last evening with
Lots of young friendes I hope Maime
Gracy and Theoder did not make
you so much truble that you
wished they were not there with
you I want them to be good and do
as near right as they can. Dear Mina
I hope you and dear Maime will
have a good time in getting your
robes are they your christmass
presents from Mr Edison I have
been asked what Mr Edison gave
you and would have to say well

realy I do not know what he did
give you pleas let me know in
your letter to me so I can tell
any that may ask me dear after,

Jennie Tobins and myself were
over to see little Margett yesterday and
it was amusing to see her show off
her Christmass presentes to us she
is delighted with her chair and her
Jumper and a veriaty of other things
I think she is so nice ~~they are a go~~
Ira and Cora are a going to have her
Baptised this noone and we are all
going over to Iras and will take
Lunch with them after the baptism
Ira and Cora came over just as soon
as they could after we got home they
seem to be in very sprites and very



[Mary V. Miller to Mina M. Edison. ca. 1887-1889. (Incomplete)]

you are I expect Grace has given
you a list of what she received
she received a grate many and
very nice ones to she enjoyes your
book and received it in no time
she got a grate many good books as
well as other things. I am so glad
Dear Maime seems to enjoy
her self so well I do hope they can
go East it will do both god both
in look and there heart aint it
to bad about your Helen she is
not able to keep at school now she
has gone so far I do hope she
15-8054

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15-8054. [Note: incomplete] You are I expect Grace has given you a list of what she receieved. She received a grate many and very nice ones to. She enjoys your book and recived it in no time. She got grate many good books as well as other things. I am so glad Dear Maime seems to enjoy her self so well I do hope they can go East it will do both god both in look and there heart aint it too bad about your Helen sh is not abel to keep at school now she has gone so far I do hope she will soon be well and strong. Mr Storer has broken his anke so it will be pleasant for him to have Helen with him. Dear Father Mercl has gone to his long home. The Ladies are to meet this afternoon to work on the rugs. I feel very ancious to see it I want to learn how to make it , we are going to the Mr. Heriches to morrow no Friday evening for a party. Did you get an invitation to attend Mr and Mrs Rootes Golden wedding we did but do not think we will attendwhat will be nice to send them please tell us, well I think I had better stop for I am afraid you will gett tired trying to read this. Darling have you everything ready and is there any thing left that I can do I do hope everything is all right with you how are your girles I hope all good and kind to you and all please remember me to them and please kiss Thomie and Wiiliam and I hope they love their school and love to learn and will make good smart men please give my good wishes to Dot how does she like her school now I hope well and now my dear good by with the very best wishes and good luck and a kiss to both of you I will close for this time hoping you will take good care of yourself and try to see Miss Johnson as often as you can. P.S. Dear Mina have you started those [---] I have not heard any thing so I thought I would ask you but do not go to any trouble about them. With love and good wishes I will say good by from Mother.

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Johnson, Annie Elizabeth
- Bradford Academy
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, William Leslie
- Edison, Marion Estelle

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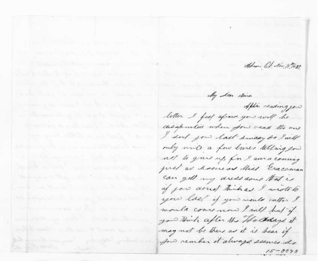
she received a grate many and
very nice ones to she enjoyes you
book and receied it in a dew time
she got a grate many good books as
well as other things, I am so glad
dear Mamie seemes to enjoy
her self so well I do hope they can
go East it will do both good both
in book and there healt aint it
to bad about poor Phellen she is
not able to keep at school now she
has gone so far I do hope she

[Mary V. Miller to Mina M. Edison. ca. 1887-1889. (Incomplete)]

PS Dear Mina ha3e you started those froning Boarders I have not
heard any thing so I thought I would ask you but do not go to any trouble
about them. will come an a good easter I will say good bye from Mother
will soon be well and strong get tired trying to read this. I

Mr Stores has broken his ankle so it will be plesant for him to have Thellenmitt hire, Dear Father Merel has gone to his long home. The Ladies are to meet this after noon to work on the rug I feel very ancious to see it I want to learn how to make it. we are a going to Mr Theriches to morrow no Friday eving for a party. did you get an invation to attend Mr and Mrs Rooter Golden Wedding we did but do not think we will attend what will be nice to send them pleas tell us. well I think I had bette stop for I am afiard you will

darling have you every thing ready and is there any thing left that I can do I do hope every thing is allright with you how are your girles I hope real good and kind to you and all pleas remember me to them and please kiss Tomie and Willmen for me and tell them I hope they love there schooles and love to learn and they will make good and smart men pleas give my good wishes to Pet how does she like her school now I hope well. now my dear good boy with the very best of wishes and good luck and a kiss to both of you I will close for this time hoping you will take good care of your self and try to see Miss Ohmedan as often as you can.



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Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Akron O. Nov. 15th 1887.

My dear Mina

After reading your letter I feel afraid you will be disapointed when you read the one I sent you last Sunday so I will only write a few lines telling you not to give up for I am a coming just as soone as Miss Graceman can gett my dress done that is if you dont think as I wrote to you last if you would rather I would come now I will but if you think after the Holidays it may not be there as it is hear if you rember it always seemes so

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Love to all

quiet and not much of any thing going on just as you say and think will be the best I will do I am a little afraid Cora thinks she can not come with me they were all over for dinner yesterday and all were well and seemed happy I hope Cora will come with me but I feel afraid she will not.

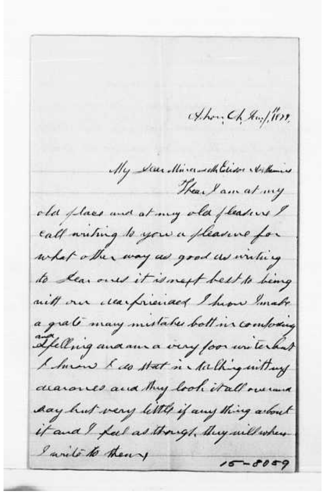
now Dear Mina do not worry in the least nor think I will not come for I will soon as I gett my dress I feel ashamed to come as I am and will feel that way when I do come but I need something so much I think I cannot come with out it;

Well B Bat has gone to the train for the Docter that is Docter Vincent he will be with us until Thursday after noon. we are going over to Miss Mattias Phillips for lunch

this noon or at one Oclock and to Mr Lodges for supper so you see this day is pretty well taken up. we also had a bid to Mrs Rights for super this evening to but the others were first so we cannot go to her supper for which I am very sorry as I expect it will be quite nice there.

Dear Mina I have been a ironing and I feel in a little hury my hand trembles and in a hury makes poor writing but I hope my darling will please excuse this I felt as though I aught to write a little right a way and let you know how it is with me and I did not want you to feel disapointed for I will be there soone or when you think best. I love my dear ones there and want to see them please believe me when I say so, I am you loving Mother

Good by for the present;


Akron, Oh, Jan 1st 1888.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison [illegible]

Hear I am at my old place and at my old pleasure I call writing to you a pleasure for what other way as good as writing to dear ones it is next best to being with our dear friends I know I make a great many mistakes both in composing and spelling and am a very poor writer but I know I do that in talking with my dear ones and they look it all over and say but very little if any thing about it and I feel as though they will when I write to them,

15-8059

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Title

[FI001ABS], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, Grace A Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 1st, 1888

Editor's Notes

15-8059. My dear Mina and Mr. Edison, [beloved?] ## Hear I am at my old place and at my old pleasure. I call writing to you a pleasure for what other way as good as writing to dear ones. It is next best to being with our dear friendes. I know I made a grate many mistakes both in composing and in spelling and and am a very poor writer but I know I do that in talking writing dear ones and they look it all over and say but very little if any thing about it and I feel as though they will when I write to them. ## I do sincerely wish you all a happy New Year, no doubt but you all have enjoyed this day as it is the first day of the week and the month and of a longer time, the year. I hope the sun is as birght there, will you [share?] with us this morning when we first awoke, it was rather dark and [gloomy?], but as the time passed by it grew brighter and lighter all the time so now we are enjoying a very beautiful afternoon. I do sincerely trust that will be our good fortune if there is a dark cloud if not any larger than a pin head it will all be clear away and nothing but happiness and love left. ## Well, this morning for the first time we llistened to our new minister, Mr. B.J vincent, we enjoyed his falk very much. It was only a talk as he said he only gave his first appearance among his new workers as a talk, hoping to get better accainted in that way, they all seemed to like the the church and the parsonage, they have just left hear as they thought they had better go and get ready for [evening?], they are all well and seem to be contented with there lot. ## Well my dear ones you do not know how much I have thought of all from little William up to old Mr. Edison and have wondered[how?] all were, and if those that have first been there making so much work and disturbances all through the house was missed or thought of today. I think we will be missed on acount of the [navies a fud?...maresapan?] we maid while there with you, Grace and I don’t have to speak of the difference in our homes both in lookes and ways, it seemes so different in every way. Grace said she thought she could hardly leave as she wanted to stay another day any way, but she thought she had better come so as to [be] ready for work. I think she will feel relieved when she has gone through that grate hard [talk? Deal?] of standing up before so many and reading womething of her own composing, dear Mina why not you and Mr. Edison come and witness her [aferawill?] on the stage now without any fun, why can't you come, it will do you so much good, do com. You can leave just as well as not by that time, now do come make [arrangements?] to come a time to [------?] the dear boys, stay as long as you can, your work will all [be do?] any good, [bessie?] can take care of the house and Mr. Edison 's work will be about fixed as he will like it to now do [cover?] them. We will look for you. ## I will now let dear Grace write on the rest of this paper, wish you a happy New Year and good luck in every way. I will close for present from present, from Mother ## [Note: Grace Miller writes the second half of this letter] ## Dear Mame, ## I wish now you have came home for I should like so much to have you with me. I meant to ask you how you recited those idiom lessons. Do you leave to know all of them so that you can recite them them right off in class. I would like to know very much for I don't [have] to do more than is necessary. ## Write to me soon--I would write longer if it were not so dark & I had anything to say. ## I suppose you are awfully sorry, my stock is exhausted. ## With much love and a Happy New Year, I [illeg] ## Your devoted sis--Grace

Author

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Grace A

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Miller, Mary Emily

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Akron, Oh, Aug 1st 1879.

My dear Minnie and Elison Atkins

Here I am at my old place and at my old pleasure I call writing to you a pleasure for what other way as good as writing to dear ones it is next best to being with our dear friends I know I make a grat many mistakes both in composing and spelling and am a very poor writer but I know I do that in talking with my dear ones and they look it all over and say but very little if any thing about it and I feel as though they will when I write to them, I do sincerley wish you all a happy New year no dout but you all have enjoyed this day as it is the first day of the week and the month and of a longer time the year I hope the sun is as bright there with you as hear with us this morning when we first awoke it was rather dark and gloomy but as the time passed by it grew brighter and lighter all the time so now we are enjoying a very beautiful afternoon. I do sincerly trust that will be our good fourton if there is a dark cloud if not any larger than a pin head it will all be cleared a way and nothing but happines and love left.

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the house was missed or thought
of to day I think we will be missed
on acount of the noise a fuss we
maid while there with you, Grace and
I both have to speak of the difference
in our homes both in lookes and
ways it seems so different in every
way Grace said she thought she
could hardly leave as she wanted to
stay another day any way but she
thought she had better come so as to

ready for work I think she will
feel releived when she has gone
through that great hard talk of
standing up before so many and
reading something of her own
composing, Dear Mina why
not you and Mr Edison come
and witness her apearance on
the stage now without any fuss
why cant you come it will do
you so much good do come
you can leave just as well as
not by that time now do come
make arangements to come and

Love to Lotie & the dear boys,

stay as long as you can you work will all be so any good Susan can take care of the house and Mr Edisons work will be about fixed as he will like it so now do come then we will look for you,

I will now let dear Grace write on the rest of this paper wish you a happy New year and good luck in every way I will close for the present from Mother

Dear Mame,-

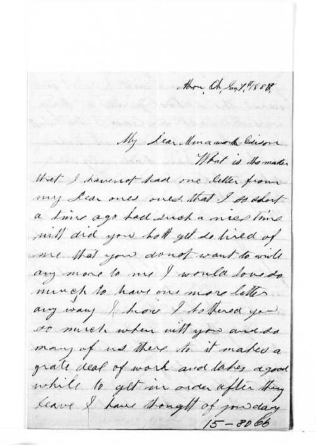
I wish now you had come home for I should like so much to have you with me.

I meant to ask you how you recited those idiom lessons. Do you have to know all of them so that you can recite them right off in class. I should like to know very much for I don't want to do more than is necessary.

Write to me soon. I would write longer if it were not so dark & I had any thing to say.

I suppose you are

awfully sorry my
stock is exhausted.
With much love
and a Happy New
Year, I remain,
Your devoted sis.
Grace -



Akron, Oh, Jan 7th 1888

My Dear Mina and Edison

What is the matter
that I have not had one letter from
my dear ones ones that I so short
a time ago had such a nice time
with did you both get so tired of
me that you do not want to write
any more to me I would love so
much to have one more letter
any way I know I bothered you
so much when will you and so
many of us there to it makes a
grate deal of work and takes a good
while to get in order after they
leave I have thought of you day

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[FI001ABT], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, January 7th, 1888

Title

[FI001ABT], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, January 7th, 1888

Editor's Notes

15-8066. What is the matter that I have not had one letter from my dear ones and that I [so?] don't a time ago had such a nice time [?] will did you both get so tired of me that you do not want to write any more to me. I would love so much to have one more letter any way. I know I bothered you so much, when with you and so many of us there so it makes a grate deal of work and takes a good while to get in order after they leave, I have thought of you day and night and have wished I could hear from you, I do hope you and all are well, I expect you miss the school girles as they were the last to leave, I hope both are well and pleased with their school, I have had only one short letter from Mame since I left her. We are all well and we have a plenty of mud and rain [to?] yesterday it was so foggy we could hardly get around, we had a few Ladys in for Lunch and it was so dark, with fog they could hardly see anything or see how to get home, it is a little clearer but yet there is fog and mud yet. The little boys have [a nother?] in there [Lundo?] a boat a newly [named? Received?] [candle ? Couple?], you will read it in the paper so I just say that our folkes were over to Hotel to see the [last?] broken man with his bride [safe? Dead?] on the [cares? Eares?} [your? Door?] man he had to go all the rest of the way alone. [Jenine?] and [Cora? Dora? Lora?] say she looked so nice they dressed her in one of her Wedding dresses, it seems sad to think of it. We were having a nice time hear while [they?] were in deep [sorry?] and very near us so that is the way this life is one part, however but little of the other part. Well I will not write any ones of this now but will close by asking you to believe [that?] when I say I love you and think of you all the time and love to hear from you just as soon as convenient, please expect my love and best wishes? [Mrs. Ottaner?] was just hear and she [said?] such a blue letter she had just received from [Hellen?], she said she would never stay at the [college? Cottage?] a [gai]. Well goodby, love to you and all from Mother

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)

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Akron, Oh, Jan 7th 1888.

My Dear Mina and Edison

What is the matter that I have not had one letter from my dear ones once that I so short a time ago had such a nice time with did you both get so tired of me that you donot want to write any more to me I would love so much to have one more letter any way I know I bothered you so much when with you and so many of us there to it makes a grate deal of work and takes a good while to get in order after they leave I have thought of you day

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We are all well and we have a plenty of mud and rain to yester day it was so fogy we could hardly get around we had a few Ladys in for Lunch and it was so dark with fog they could hardly see any thing or see how to get home it is a little clearer but yet there is fog and mud yet. the little boys have a notice in there [illegible] a boat a new

wishes, Mrs Ostrander was just here and she said such a blue letter she had just received from [illegible] she said she would never stay at the [illegible]
[illegible] well good by love to you dear all [illegible]
ly married couple you will read it in there paper so I will just say that our folkes were over to the Hotel to see the hart broken man with his bride safe on the cares poor man he had to go all the rest of the way alone Jennie and Cora say she looked so nice they dressed her in one of her Weddingdresses it seemes sad to think of it, we were having a nice time hear while others were in deep sorry and very near us to that is the way this life is one part knowes but little of the other part, Well I will not write any more of this now but will close by asking you to believe me when I say I love you and think of you all the time and would love to hear from you just as soon as convient please except my love and best

PS I have wrote this to see if I
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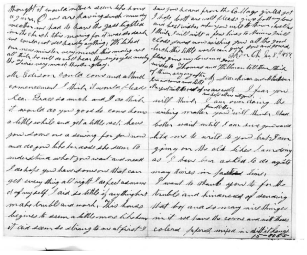
want one soon,
O yes did you gett a book
from home or france



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[FI001ABU], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 8th, 1888

Title

[FI001ABU], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 8th, 1888

Editor's Notes

15-8055. [Note: FI001ABV, which is marked as incomplete, is actually the last page of this letter] *** [TEJ: NO! ABU and ABV are two separate letters. The transcriber is unfamiliar with the idiosyncracies of Mary Valinda's letter writing and is transcribing the words as they appear physically on the page rather in the order that Mary V. wrote them.]*** thought it would never seem like home again. We are having such muddy weather wew had to have the gass lighted in the church this morning for it was so dark we could not even see hardly anything. We liked our new minister very much, this morning we all think he will do well hear, they enjoyed meeting the James very much the other day. ## Mr. Edison could come and attend comencement. I think it would please dear Grace so much and I do think it would do you good to come home a little while and get a little rest. Have you some one a sewing for you now and do you like her, does she seem to understand what you want and need. I do hope you have someone that can tet everything all night. I do feel ashamed of myself, I did so little if anything but make truble and work. This house begines to seem a little more like home is and seem so strong to me at first & have you heard from the College girles yet. I hope both are well, please give both my love and best wishes, when you write to them, well as I think I will write a few lines to [Marion?]. I will close yours now wishing you all the good luck this little world can give you and yours, please give my love and good wishes to Thomas and William, tell them I think of them very often. My dear [allivace?] and Mr. Edison [I a and come a little?] {Margret and the rest of us are well and hope all are with you?]. I fear you will think I am over doing the writing matter, you will think I had been wait until I am [sure?] you would like me to write to you, but I am going on the old likes, I am doing as I have been asked to do as a agrate many times in past times. ## I want to thank you to for the truble and kindness of sending that box and so many nice thinges in it, we have the [corne?] and with those colered papers mixed in with it dangling before the glass and it looks very pretty all [awins?] it all since we must have had a very pretty [tree?] how did you like what [Robie?] and James sent you and also what the y sent us, we like ours very much. I think James must have worked rather [stray?] and it must be hard on the eyes, we received the boxes yesterday, the boys like their books very much. I do hope we will get a letter very soone telling us whether you received the money and the book and also telling us almost every thing at your dear home. I feel very anxious to hear from you, we have had only a very short letter from Mamie, since I have arrived home I have to hear some new and hear good newes. I hope you and all are well and happy, every thing in good order now as I trust [Leannie? Jeannie?] is at home with you and feeles well and rested and ready for work. Please [remember?] to her and all the others, they are pretty good girles, I do hope you can help them try and keep [Anna?] for it is very hard to get good washers and [monies? Menders? Servants?] dear Mina what was that party called that you and Mr. Edison went to so near at your home. I have tried to find it in the dictionary but it seems as though I cannot get it right. Please tell me so I can find it and know what it is. I wish dear Mina you and

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Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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have you heard from the Collage girles yet I hope both are well please give both my love and best wishes when you write to them, well as I think I will write a few lines to Maime I will close yours now wishing you all the good luck this little world can give you and yours,

please give my love and good wishes to Thomas and Willman tell them think of them very very ofthe

Akron, Oh Jan 8th 1889

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

Grandma and Cora and little Margaret with the rest of us are well and hope all are with you. I fear you will think I am over doing the writing matter from the letter you will think I had better wait until I am sure you would like me to write to you but I am going on the old likes I am doing as I have been asked to do quite may times in past~~ted~~ time,

I want to thank you to for the trubble and kindness of sending that box and so may nice thinges in it we have the corne and with those colerd papers mixed in with it hangi

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ing before the glass and it lookes very pretty all admire it all think we must have had a very pretty tree how did you like what Robie and Louis send you and also what they sent us we like ours very much. I think Louis must have worked rather steady and it must be hard on the eyes, we received the boxes yesterday the boys like their books very much. I do hope we will gett a letter very soone telling us whether you received the money and the book and also telling us all about every thing at your dear home I feel very anxious to hear from you we have had only a very short letter from Mamie

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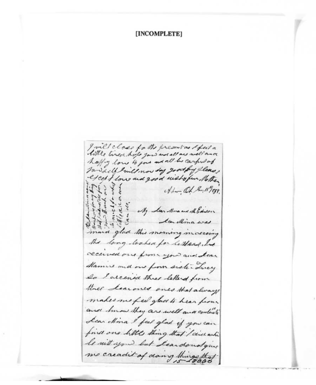

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Title

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Editor's Notes

15-8060.. [NOTE this is the last page of the previous letter, FI001ABU] ***[TEJ: NO! my See comment for ABU]*** I will close for the present as I feel a little tired. Hope you and all are well and happy, love to you and all be careful of yourself. I will now say goodby, please except love and good wishes from Mother, ## Akron, Oh, Jan 11th 1888. ## My dear Mina and Mr. Edison,## [dear?] [Mina? Moma?] was maid glad this morning in receiving the long looked for letter, last received onr from you and dear Mamie and one from sister Lucy so I received three letters from three dear ones, ones that always makes me feel glad to hear from and know they are well and contented. Dear Mina I feel glad if you can find one little thing that I did while with you but dear do not give me creadit of doing things that [us dear?] Mina must thank one for anything that I did not do for you, thank me so much for what little aid or [ever?] can do. ***[remaining two pages have not been transcribed]***

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Recipient

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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Akron, O. Jan 11th 1888.

dear Mina dont thank me for any thing that I did or tell for you I thank you to much for what little I did or ever can do.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

dear Mina was maid glad this morning in receiving the long looked for letters, I received one from you and dear Mamie and one from sister Lucy so I received three letters from three dear ones ones that always makes me feel glad to hear from and know they are well and contented dear Mina I feel glad if you can find one little thing that I did while with you but dear do not give me creadit of doing things that

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I didnot do as much as I love to try to do some littl act of kindness I donot want to take what does not belong to me I so little while with you I expect you will I might keep still and get all I can as for that dear cork screw I didnot know any thing a bout it there must have ben more than one set of handes with you and me dout those that did more than these poor thoughtless handes did or ever can do for you dear not that the handes would not be willing to do any thing but the mind is so slow and hard to understand and see what I could do after

it is to late, dear I am glad you donot feel lonesome and sad if you did I would feel so to work or having something to do makes time pass by very fast and some times very plesent by it is better to have something on hand that will cheer than to sitt idle and wonder what to do I hope my dear will take good care of herself and keep as well as she can I am very glad you got those things you mentioned for I do think you did need them I would so much loved to have got them while with you but pa seemed to feel so poor I was afraid to pa and Ira are in Chicago on buisness they

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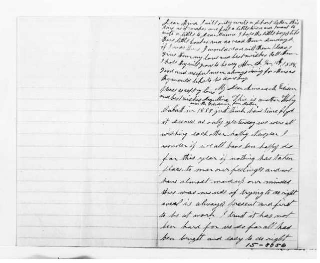
were both well when they left us, I do hope you are better of your cold I am better the Doctor said I might gett up to day so I am improving the day with trying to write a few lines to each of my dear ones as I received a letter from each and the first since Marion went back to school I was glad to hear from both and thought I would write to both I hope you will excuse all mistakes. we are all well now and hope this will find all well at your dear home. it must be lonely to go to church all alone I wish you could have some one to go with you it would be so nice if Mr Edison could hear better I do think he would enjoy going with you the time would pass by so much more plesently to if all could go to church and enjoy what they hear, Jennie and Grace have gone to Cleveland to get dear Grace dress hard times is

go to any great trouble about those fair les dont you think some of your folkes can go and do just as well but if you go I know Mrs Thalbraunga would be very glad to see you I wish you could go in it would please her so much well dear Mina I do thank you and dear Mr Edison for the very nice time we had close by for Gracy but she [illegible] seems to gett along very well. I wish you and Mr Edison could come and hear her that day I thank for the invation you gave me to come and hear that little boy but I think I will wait untill I can come and hear and see that little voice that is expected at your one home I think that will please me better. I am glad you are a going to have Mrs Lanson come to see you I hope she will take good care of you I am glad Jeanie will be with you soon it may she is with you now I hope so dont



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good and useful men always doing for others as
they would like to be done by.

Please accept my love My dear Mina and the Edison
and best wishes dear Mina This is another Holy
and the Edisons, from Mother
Sabbath in 1888 just think how time flys
it seemes as only yesterday we were all
wishing each other happy New year I
wonder if we all have ben happy so
far this year if nothing has taken
place to mar our feelings and we
have almost made up our minds
there was no use of trying to do right
evil is always present and first
to be at work I trust it has not
ben hard for us so far all has
ben bright and easy to do right

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[FI001ABW], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, January 18th, 1888

Title

[FI001ABW], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, January 18th, 1888

Editor's Notes

15-8056. dear Mina, I will only write a short letter this time as it make me feel a little tired and I want to write a letter to dear Mame. I hope the little boys like there little bookes and do read them sundays, if I was there I would read with them. Please give them my love and best wishes, tell them I hope they will grow to be very good and useful men, always doing for others as they would like to be done by. ## Please except my love and best wishes dear Mina and Mr. Edison from Mother. This is a rather Holy Sabath in 1888, just think how time flyed, it seemes as only yesterday we were all wishing each other happy New year. I wonder if we all have been happy so far this year if nothing has taken place to mar our feelings and we have almost our mindes ther was no use of trying to do right [eve? Ever?] is always present and first to be at work. I trust it has not been hard for us so for all had been bright and easy to do right. I was glad you were having sone one to sew I have seen can get everything you will want or need, we want to have a little [comtay?] next Friday if you can tell me something nice that I can do I would be glad to receive it. I would like to [enter and meshy?] [I wish you was hearing?] ## I think it is a grand thing to dare to do right if we can live every day showing we have a right to do right it will always be easy for us and nothing will be hard for us. I do trust that will be our lot this year through and as long as this life may last, and when done hear below we will be well qualified for the work to be our shear after, I hope these lines will find both of my dear children in good health and happy with each other and others that may be with you. Pa and [???] got home Friday morning about 4 o clock, pa has a very sore hand and we had it [gouldice?] on it, we hope it will soon be better. It seemes strange how he [eaded?] keep up, we were all at Sunday school and church, it is such a pleasant place, we can hear in a grate deal there. Poor Mr. Glover had to take his little father along to day, how sad when one is left with a lot of dear little children. It seemes as though they all was gone, others may try to do for them but all that is not my Father or Mother, how glad I am that I could have my dear Father and Mother untill I was [to the myself?] We are having quite cool weather today, but very little snow, we are looking for Miss Anna at next Tuesday,.Grace read your very nice letter to me

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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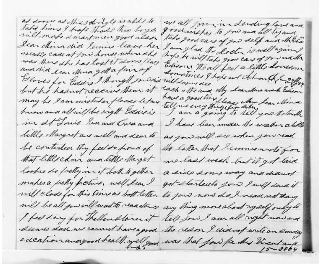
I was glad you were having some one to sew I hope you can get everything you will want or need; we want to have a little company next Friday if you can tell me something nice that I can do I would be glad to receive it I would like to entertain nicely.



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Title
[FI001ABX], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, January 25th, 1888

Editor's Notes

15-8064.. As soon as Miss [Angle?] is able to take him I hope those two boys will make smart men, good also. Dear Mina, did Jennie leave her needle case at your house when she was ther, she has lost it someplace, and did dear Mina get a pair of Gloves for Eddie, I thought you did but he has not received them, it may be I am mistaken. Please let me know and all will be right. Eddie is at Louis [bra?] and Cora and little Margret are well and seem to be contented. They feel so [fond? Proud?] of that little chain and little Margret lookes so pretty in it, both together makes a pretty picture, well dear I will close for this time as [both?] letters will be all you will want to read at once. I feel sorry for [Helen & Loren?] it seemes sad we cannot have a good education and good health. Well good by. I have been under the weather a little as you will see when you read the letter that Jennie wrote for me last week, but it got laid aside some way and did not get started to you. I will sent it to you now so I nead not say anything more about myself only to tell you I am all right now and the reason I did not write on Sunday was that you [--?] Mrs. Vincent and Mrs. Lake and myself went down to Johnsontowne to attend the dedication of a church. Monday we were all getting ready for a little company in the evening and yesterday I with your pa took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Vincent so I did not have time then to write but thought of it all the time, now you see after reading this that there is not very much of anything the matter with me, all talk, more that than anything else. Please do not worry about me in the least my darling, but do try and take the very best care of yourself. Pa is well also, his hand is most well. He had a long [bail?] on it, the doctor is taking care of him now. I hope he will soone be all right, as I can see every day he is improving a little, but all I can say or do I cannot get him to go to bead when he aught, It is to bad our dear ones will stay up so late at night, an hour before 12 is better than all the rest. After that now we are all well today, and do hope all are as well at your home. Hennie, Louise, Miss Anna and Mr.Marvin are going down to [albert?} Robbies and Frannies Anniversary. Pa and I think we would rather go dome other time and I do not think it would be well for Grace so I will stay at home with her dear child & she will soone be through with the school in Akron. I do hope she will do well, we had a very good letter from dear Maime, she feel very good with her prospects. John and Theoder are all right, also John commences Later, just We all join in sending love and good wishes to you and all try and take good care of yourself and Mr. Edison. I am glad the doctor is well again, I hope he will take good care of you and Mr. Edison. We all feel a little lonesome sometimes. I hope we will soon see each other and have a good time. Please tell me everything, from Mother.

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Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Miller, Jane Eliza

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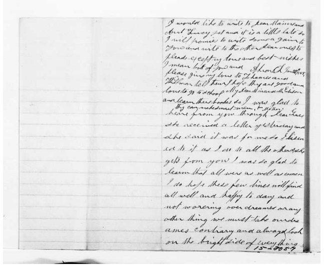
we all join in sending love and good wishes to you and all by and take good care of you self and Mr Edison I am glad the Doctor is well again I hope he will take good care of you and Mr Edison. We all feel a little lonesome sometimes I hope we will soon see each other and My dear Mina and Edison have a good trip please Mrs dear Mina tell me every thing (from Mother.

Akron, O June 28th 1887

I am a going to tell you the truth I have been under the weather a little as you will see when you read the letter that Jennie wrote for me last week but it got laid a side some way and did not get started to you I will send it to you now so I need not say any thing more about myself only to tell you I am all right now and the reson I did not write on Sunday was that you pa Mr Vincent and

Mrs Tate and myself^{2} went down to Johnsontowne to attend the dedication of a church Monday we were all getting ready for a little company in the evening and yesterday I with your pa took dinner with Mr and Mrs Vincent so I didnot take time then to write but thought of it all the time now you see after reading this that there is not very much of any thing the matter with me all talk more that than any thing eles please donot worry about me in the least my darling but do try and take the very best care of yourself pa is bett also his hand is most well he had a larg boil on it the docter is taking care of him now I hope he will soone be all right as I can see every day he is improving a little but all I can say^{3} or do I cannot get him to go to bead when he ought it is to bad our dear ones will stay up so late at night an hour before 12 is better than all the rest after that now we are all well to day and do hope all are as well at your home. Lemmie Tunie Miss Anna and Mr Marvin are going down to the Robbies and Fannies Anniversary pa and I think we would rather go som other time and I donot think it would be well for Grace so I will stay at home with her dear child she will soone be through with the school in Akron I do hope she will do well we had a very good letter from dear Mamma she feel very good with her prospects Johne and Theodor are all right also John commences Later just



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Title

[FI001ABY], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 29th, 1888

Editor's Notes

15-8057.I would like to write to dear Mame and Aunt Lucy yet and it is a little late. I will promise to write some again to you and write to the other dear ones to. Please except my love and best wishes, I mean both of you and please give my love to [Johannes? Johanna?] and William, tell them I hope they are good and love to go to school. My dear, all [inacand?] Mr. Edison and learn there bookes so they can make smart men for Morther. I was glad to heare from you through dear Grace. She received a letter yeterday and she said it was for me so I listened to it as I do to all the others she gets from you. I was so glad to learn that all were as well as [can be?]. I do hope these few times will find all well and happy today and not worsening over dreames or any other thing, we must take our dreames contrary and always look on the bright side of everything, let life be a sunbeam, always cheering and making everyone happy and doing good to all around. I did wish so much that you and Mr. Edison was with us commencement day, we think Grace did well also, most all the class Grace receieved so many very nice presents all so good but we all missed you and dear Mamie so much, but that is the way things will work sometimes. We will have to make the best of them and hope all is right. We were all at Sunday school and church this morning and enjoyed the services very much. We are having quite a good deal of snow now and it lookes very much as though we were going to have more before night. Eddie and Jennie will [-----?] Studebaker and other young folkes were at the [Fralles?] for a sleigh ride last evening. They seemed to have a good time and say the sleighing is good, I expect Grace has tolde you all the newes as she commence her letter yesterday, but I will tell you Jennie and I went to Father [Morell's?] funeral Driday at 1 o clock, he did look so nice, it seemed as though he was just taking a pleasant sleep. Poon Mrs. Butler is very week and I have heard a grate many say she could not last very long as she is. We did not get to see any of them but Mr. Butler he came downe just as we was a going to leave. I do fell so sorry for dear Mrs. Morell, she is so patient and good. We are all well, I do hope you will not worry in the least.

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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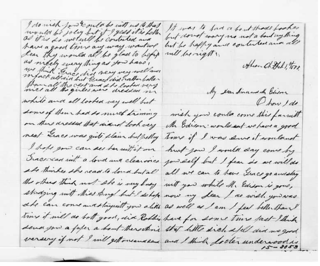

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[FI001ABZ], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, February 1st, 1888

Editor's Notes

15-8053. Oh how I do wish you could come this far with Mr. Edison. Wouldn't we have a good Time, if I was sure it would not hurt you I would say come by yourself but I fear so we will do all we can to have Grace go and stay with you while Mr. Edison is gone, now my dear I do wish you was as well as I am, I feel better than I have for some time past. I think that little sick spell did me good and I think doctor underwood is a good doctor so I am very well and all of us are now, if you were all right with that little [pelt?] in your armes we would all feel so glad. I do hope all will be right with you and it is not very long now while we will know all about what is going on at preset. Will you try and take good care of yourself and keep well and be happy and contented. Theodor did receive that very nice and pleasing game and he with all the rest enjoy it very much and Theodor has commenced a letter to you full of thankes but has delayed in sending it. We with him do thank you and Mr. Edison for such a nice rememberance. Miss Elder and Miss Anna Studebaker with Mr. Marvin and [Jaine?] Eddie John Theodor had a very lively time with it last evening and Eddie lost the [bell?] so he had to beat all with an oyster stew [?] So all went over and took a Tobagan slide and then went to [bras?] and had there oysters, I think they had a very lively time. Miss Anna and [Louis?] with Grace went to the young folkes [prayer?] meeting but Anna said it was that much better for them for they had a good meeting and all the rest as they did she thinkes it payed to be good. I think she is a very lively and good girl, I like her very much. We expect a house full tomorrow as uncle Jacob and Aunt Alice, Robbie and Louie with the younge ladies Ira and Cora and all the Canton folkes will stay all night so it will be nearly a house full when it comes to sleeping ## I do wish you could be with us so that would be jolly but I gess it is better as it is, so we will be contented and have a good time any way, won't we dear. They would all be glad to [visit?] as nicely every thing you have. We think Grace did very very well and in fact all did but Grace did rather better than all the rest and she looked very nice. All the firles were dressed in white and all looked very well, but some of them had so much trimming on there dresses that did not look very neat. Grace was quite plain but pretty. ## I hope you can see her with it on. Grace read with a loud and clear voice. She thinkes she read to loud but all the others think not. She is very busy studying with Miss Angel, but I do hope she can come and stay with you a little time. It will do both good, did Robbie send you a paper about there Anniversery, if not I will gett one and send. ## It was to bad about those bookes, but do not wory, not about a thing but be happy and contented and all will be right.

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Elder, Mary
- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Miller, Grace A
- Marvin, Richard Pratt
- Studebaker, Anne, (Mrs Charles Carlisle)

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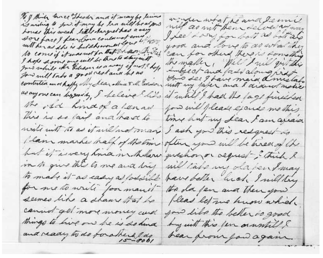
I do wish you 4 could be with us tho that would be joly but it I gess it is better as it is so we will be contented and have a good time any way. want we fear they would all be glad to be fix as nicely every thing as you have, we think Grace did very very well and in fact all did but Grace did rather better than all the rest and she looked very nice all the girles were dressed in white and all looked very well but some of them had so much triming on theis dresses that didnot look very neat Grace was quit plain but pretty I hope you can see her with it on Grace read with a loud and clear voice she thinkes she read to loud but all the others think not she is very busy studying with Miss Dungl but I do hope she can come and stay with you a little time it will do both good, did Robbie send you a paper a bout theis anni versery if not I will get one and send

It was to bad a bout those books but donot wory no not a bout anything but be happy and contented and all will be right.

Akron O Feb 1, 1881

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

O how I do wish you could come this far with Mr Edison. wouldent we have a good time if I was sure it wouldnot hurt you I would say come by your self but I fear so we will do all we can to have Grace go and stay with you while Mr Edison is gone, now my dear I do wish you was as well as I am I feel better than I have for some time past. I think that little sick spell did me good and I think Docter underwood is a good Docter to I am very well and all of us are now if you were all right with that little pett in your armes we would all feel so glad I do hope all will be right with you and it is not very long now untill we will know all a bout what is a going on at present with you dig and take good care of your self and keep well and be happy and contented, Theoder did receive that very nice and pleasing gaim and he with all the rest enjoying it very much and Theodr has comenced a letter to you full of thankes but has delaid in sending it we with him do thank you and Mr Edison for such a rimemberance Miss Elder and Miss Anna Shudaker with Mr Marion and Conie Eddie Jahne Theoder had a very lively time with it last evening and Eddie lost the bett so he had to treat all with an oyester Stew so all went over and took a Tobagon Slide and then went to Idas and had there oysters I think they had a very lively time Miss Anna and Lina with Grace went to the young folkes prare meeting but Anna said it was that much better for them for they had a good meeting and all the rest as they did she thinkes it pays to be good I think she is a very lively and good girl I like her vey much we expect a house full to morow as uncle Jacob and Aunt Alice Robbie and Louie with the young ladys Ida and Cara and all the Canton folkes will stay all night so it will be nearly a house full when it comes to sleepig



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[FI001ACA], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, February 4th, 1888

Title

[FI001ACA], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, February 4th, 1888

Editor's Notes

15-8061. I believe I like the old kind of a pen as this is so [pail?] and hard to write with, so as it will not make [clear?] markes half of the time but it is very of Mr Marvin to give this to me and try to make it as easy as possible for me to write. Poor man, it seemes like a shame that he cannot get more money and things to live on. He is so kins and ready to do for others. I do wonder what he and Jennie will do with themselves anyway. I feel sorry for both as both are good and love to do what they can for others. There is something the matter. Well, I will quit this subject and pass along first. You see I have maid a mistake with my paper and I did not make it while I had the page finished. You will please excuse me this time but my dear I am afraid I ask you this request so often you will be tired of the question or request. I think I will take my old pen. I may have better luck. I will try the old pen and then you pleas let me know which you like the better. So goodby with this pen or untill I hear from you again. ## Dear Mina, I received your lovely letter this morning and I can assure you I and all the rest were glad to hear from you and learn that all were as well as could be expected. I do hope dear little Tomas is better, if not well of his cold day this time. Please tell him for me that he will have to be very careful now as the time is near when there will be nothing but cold water and mud all over the ground. He had better play in the house and keep warm and dry untill it is warm and dry out. [second?] also dear little William had better as so to get all your play things together and have a good timewith them in the house. It will be warm and dry out[sides soone?] ## O how I do wish you could come home but it may be the best for you to stay at home and take good care of yourself. I am so glad you enjoy the meetings. I do wish you could get to attend more. We are a going to start union meetinges next week but it seemes as though meetinges in each church would do me more good, but it may be if I do right those meetings will do me good and be better for others. We will hope so we were all at Sunday school and preaching this morning and enjoyed both the Sunday School and preaching. Mr Vincent gave us a good plain talk, it was very good. Mr. Wolf and Mr and Mrs. [Boch?]. The house was about full this evening, we have praise services. It will be good there is no doubt.I do miss my darlings so much in the choir. I often and often wish they were both there so I could see and [page break] has maid up his mind at last to write to you. I want him to write to the boys often but cannot get him to do so. I want Grace to write to [dot? Lot?]. I think it would please her if I was a better writer or speller. I would write to often. Will you please remember me to her when you write to. I do hope she will grow to be a good and useful woman and I do think she will if we will help her hear them. Dear Graces takes her place there every Sabath and as long as she is there it will seem plesent to look there and listen to there singing, but O how soone she will Away and no sweet voices of either our dear ones can we hear there. It will seem more lonely than ever but we will listen and see if we can not hear there sweet voices mingleing in with others and it may be singing the same sweet wordes. I am so glad we all can have the same true and all wise Father to see and hear and will be with us wherever we may be. What a good thought we have the same God, go where we may and in what ever circumstances we may be pelaced we can call on the same for help. O let us ever trust in his loving kindness and believe he [doeth?] all things well and good for them that trust in him. I trust we may all meet where all shall be love piece and joy. I hope all my dear ones that are far from there old home hear [our call?], are well and happy today and are preparing for a happy home above. ## I was over to a Mothers meeting that Mrs. Vincent is trying to start in the church. Clara and I went together as she was over and Mrs. Vincent gave us a text to remember it is this[:] cease to do evil, learn to do well, it is a very good motto. We think Mrs. Vincent may succeed but it will be quite a task, I fear, as others are so many things on hand already. I do not go to very many as yet but I was over to the knitting party the other day and it was a very pleasant afair. The church parlor was nearly full and all seemed to enjoy themeselves very much. Dear Mina, if you could only look in and see Theodor and I and the Table that we are sitting by you would think you aught to have a grate deal of newes and something worth reading. It amuses me to look at the paper, penes and bookes one would think we were doing something of grate importance. I am so glad [Theodore? I adore?] you especially. ## Well dear, goodyby, hope this will find all well, from Mother

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Ps I think Grace Theodr and it may be Jennie
is writing to you. it may be Ira will be at your
house this weak little Margret has a very
sore face I fear Cora could not come
with her as she is but she would love 4/1888
to come if it was not for that Sharon Pa
I hope some one will be there to stay with
you while Mr Edison is a way if not I hope
you will take a good rest and be as
contented and happy My dear Mina & Mr Edison
as any one can be good by, I believe I like
the old kind of a pen as
this is so fair and hard to
write with it as it will not make
plain marks half of the time
but it is very kind in Mr Marv
in to give this to me and try
to make it as easy as possible
for me to write poor man it
seemes like a shame that he
cannot get more money and
things to live on he is so kind
and ready to do for others I do
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wonder what he and Jennie
will do with them selves any way
I feel sorry for both as both are
good and love to do what they
can for others there is something
the matter, Well I will quit this
subject and pass along first
you see I have maid a mistake
with my paper and I didnt notice
it until I had the page finished
you will please excuse me this
time but my dear I am afraid
I ask you this request so
often you will be tired of the
question or request, I think I
will take my old pen I may
have better luck. I will try
the old pen and then you
pleas let me know which
you like the better so good
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hear from you again.

Dear Mina I received your lovely letter this moning and I can assure you I and all the rest were glad to hear from you and learn that all were as well as could be expected I do hope dear little Tomas is better if not well of his cold by this time please tell him for me that he will have to be very carful now as the time is near when there will be nothing but cold water and mud all over the ground he had better play in the house and keep warm and dry untill it is warm and dry out doors also dear little Willman had better do so to get all your play things to gether and have a good time with them in the house it will be warm and dry out doors soon.

O how I do wish you could come home but it may be the best for you to stay at home and take good care of your self I am so glad you enjoy the meetings I do wish you could get to attend more we are a going to start union meetinges next week but it seems as though meetinges in each church would do me more good but it may be if I do right those meetings will do me good and be better for others we will hope so we were all at sunday school and preaching this moning and enjoyed both the sundayschool and preaching Mr Vincent gave us a good plain talk it was very good, Mr Wolf and Mr and Mrs Beach The house was a bout full this evning we have praise services it will be good there is no doubt. I do miss my darlings so much in the gu choir I often and often wish they were both there so I could see and

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will grow to be a good and useful woman
and I do think she will if we will help her
you especely. Well dear good by hope this
will find all well
hear them Dear Grace takes her
find Mother
place there every sabatt and as long
as she is there it will seem plesent
to look there and listen to there sin
ging but O how soone she will
a way and no seet voice of either
our dear ones can we hear there it
will seem more lonely than ever but
we will listen and see if we can
not hear there sweet voices mingl
eing in with others and it may be
singing the same sweet wordes I
am so glad we all can have the same
love and all wish Father to see and
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hear us and will be with us where ever
we may be what a good thought we
have the same God go where we may
and in what ever circumstances
we may be placed we can call on the
same for help O let us ever trust
in his loving kindness and believe
he doith all things well and good for
them that trust in him. I trust
we may all meet where all shall be
love peice and joy I hope all my
dear ones that are far from there
old home hear on earth are well
and happy to day and are preparing
for a happy home above,

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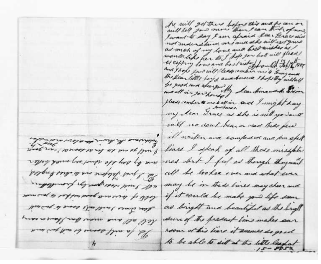

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Title

[FI001ACB], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 12th, 1888

Editor's Notes

15-8052. My dear Mina and Mr. Edison, ## and I might say my dear Grace, as she is with you and will no doubt hear or read these few ill writen and comforted and poor spelt lines, I speak of all these [misstakened?] but I feel as though they would all be looked over and what even may be in these may cheer and if it could be make your life seem as bright and beautiful as the bright sun of the present time makes our room at this time. It seemes so good to be able to sit at the little [breakfast? Leafat?] ## the window in our room and write this letter to you my 2 dear ones. This is the first time I have been able to sit hear and write for a long time and freely. I have the sun so bright and cheery, in fact we have not seen the sun for so long it seemes as though we were in an other place and we could not say enough about its beauty. If we could only have such light and cheerfulness in us how different this life wouls seem and be to us. It did cheer me so much to read your lovely letter the other day dear Mina and I do thank dear Mr. Edison for his love to me. I would love to please him and be albe in some way to keep his respect and good wishes. I cannot say his love for I cannot think I am worthy of his love or any one elses as there is not a good thing Ican do, but dear Mina can and I do trust you will always be able to keep his and you will or can win him closer and closer every year you may live together, that is our [privilege?], may it be so with you and Mr. Edison and you, pa and I. ## I expect you are having quite a merry time now with those two lively girles. I can tell you we miss them hear with us. Just think we had no one to take dinner with us to day but Mr. Marvin. Pa, [Jone?] and Theoder, Jennie is in Canton. Eddie, Shine, Gorge, Vincent were all over to [house?] for dinner, what do you think of that. If Mr. Marvin had not been hear there would only been 4. What a come downe. I think it is to bad all gone not little folkes any more. What shall I do, tomorrow we expect doctor Vincent and Gorge, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent with [Thery?] to take dinner with us and in the afternoon your pa started to your place, so it may he will get there before this and he can or will tell you more than I can think of now. I want to say I am afraid dear Gracedid not understand me and she will not give as much of my love and best wishes as I would like her to. I hope you both will please excepting love and best wishes and I hope you will please remember me to Grace and the dear little boys and Anna. I hope they will all be good and cheer you and all in your house. Please remember me to all in your house, ## P.S Pa will soone be with you and tell all and more than I have or can. Dear Grace will write soon to you with lots of love and good wishes to you and all. I will close, goodby from mother. ## P.S I just telephone over to Miss Angles and they say she is not very much better. I will go and see her as soone as I can. Goodby Eiddie and Mr. Marvin send love and good wishes.

Author

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Recipient

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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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will tell you more than I can think of now,
I want to say I am afraid Dear Grace did
not understand me and she will not give
as much of my love and best wishes as I
would like her to I hope you both will please
except my love and best wishes Afton Ok. Feb/12th 1887,
and I hope you will please remember me to Gracy and
the dear little boys and Anna I hope they will all
be good and cheer you
and all in your house My dear Mina and Mr. Ervin
please remember me to all in your house. and I might say
my Dear Grace as she is with you and
will no doubt hear or read these few
ill written and confused and poor spelt
lines I speak of all these misfortu-
nes but I feel as though they would
all be looked over and what ever
may be in these lines may cheer and
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as bright and beautiful as the bright
sun of the present time makes our
room at this time it seems so good
to be able to sit at the little desk at

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P.S. Pa will soon be with you and
tell all and more than I have or can,
Dear Grace I will write soon to you with
lots of love and good wishes to you and
all I will close good by, from Mother.
P.S. I just Telephoned over to Miss English
and by day she is not very much better
I will go and see her as soon as I can good
Eddie and Mr Mavin send love and wishes Good by.

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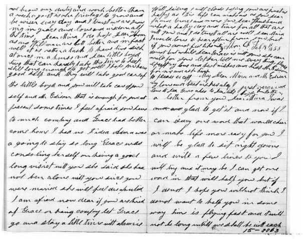

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Title

[FI001ACC], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, February 18th, 1888

Editor's Notes

15-8063. My dear Mina and Mr. Edison, ## I just receieved a letter from you dear Mina. I was glad to get it and now if I can say one word that would cheer or make life more easy for you I will be glad to sit right downe and write a few lines to you. I will try and it may be I can get one word in that will help you but if I cannot I hope you will not think I do not want to help you in some way. Time is flying fast and it will not be long until we shall be with each other, that is if you want me at that time. I feel that I am of so little use to you [may one?] I had better stay at home if I can do any thing in the least I will ge glad to be with you. I hope you and all are well and happy. ## Well dear Mina, I was [stopped?] yesterday so now I will try my luck, but I hardly think you will think of me today as you have your dear pa and Grace with you and I know when they get started they are grate talkers and good company. I expect and hope all were at church and enjoyed it. I do think going to church is a grate help and comfort and a privlage we should not miss if it is possible to help it. If Mr. Edison could hear better I would insist on his going but I know it is hard and not plesent to go any place to not hear what is said, but if he could make up his mind to go for others it would be good and you would feel better and more like going but we will try and be content and do all the good we can at home and where ever we can. We had a very good sermon and Sunday school every evening and in fact all the time is taken up with union meetings. Mrs. Vincent holds a womans meeting at the church this evening and the men go to the hall. It seemes strange that it is so but they say all cannot get in at one place so they will by this way hoping all can get seats at least get in, The sun about us is not quite as bright as last sabath but it is plesent out doors. I hope it is as bright and all are enjoying this life as well as last Sunday and we are one weak better in our lessones and We know our duty and work better than a week ago, it is our privilage to grow and be wiser every day and I trust we are growing in grace and love and wisdom all the time. Dear Mina I do hope dear Thomas and William are both better and in fact well. It is rather a [tash?] to have two sick at once in a house and dear little boys there that can hardly [take to thir to feet?] still long enough to get well. I hope you have good help and they will take good care of the little boys and you will take care of yourself and Mr. Edison. That is enough for you at present. Sometimes I feel afraid you have to much company and Grace had better come home. I had no idea [aim?] a was a going to stay so long. Grace was consoling herself on having a good long visit with you. She said she had not ben alone with you since you were married. She will feel disapointed I am afraid now dear if you are tired of Grace or having company let Grace go and stay a little time with [Mamie? Maurice?] Well [failing?] I will close hoping you are just as happy as this life can make us as you dear, pa and Grace and morfe, your dear husband. What a happy day and time for all that are with you and I do trust all are well dear Mina. I would love to hear of him from you but if you don't feel like writing do not but while dear Grace is with you she can write for you. Let her tell me everything, please except my love and best wishes also. Love to dear Grace also to dear little boys. From Mother

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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Well darling I will close hoping you are just as happy as this life can make and as you dear Mamma Grace and more you dear Husband what a happy day and time for all that are with you and I do trust all are well dear Mina I would love to hear often from you but if you donot feel like writing donot but while dear Grace is with you she can write for you let her tell me every thing please except my love and best wishes and kiss Mr Edison for me and ask him to please except my love and best wishes also love to dear Grace also to dear little boys, [illegible]

Thos. A. Edison Feb 18 1888

My Dear Mina and Mr Edison

I just received a letter from you dear Mina I was ~~and are~~ glad to get it and now if I can say one word that would cheer or make life more easy for you I will be glad to sit right down and write a few lines to you I will try and it may be I can get one word in that will help you but if I donot I hope you will not think I donot want to help you in some way time is flying fast and it will not be long untill we shall be with each

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I feel that I am of so little use to you
or any one I had better stay at home if I
can do any thing in the least I will be
glad to be with you I hope you and
all are well and happy.

Well dear Mina
I was stoped yesterday so now
I will try my luck but I hardly
think you will think of me to
day as you have your dear pa and
Grace with you and I know when
they get started they are great
talkers and good company I expect
and hope all were at church and
enjoyed it I do think going to church
is a great help and comfort and
a privlage we should not miss if
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up with union meetings Mrs Vincent
holds a womans meeting at the church
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say all cannot get in at one place
so they will try this way hoping all can
get seats at least get in, The sun above
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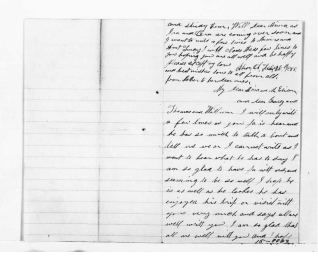

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[FI001ACD], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 26th, 1888

Title

[FI001ACD], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 26th, 1888

Editor's Notes

15-8062. My dear Mina and Mr. Edison, and dear Grace and Thomas and William. I will only write a few lines as your pa is hear and he has so much to talk about and tell us. We or I cannot write as I want to hear what he has to say. I am so glad to have pa with us and seeming to be so well. I hope he is as well as he lookes. He has enjoyed his trip or visit with you very much and says all are well with you. I am so glad that all are well with you and I hope ## few lines will find all of you well and happy yet. I think dear Mina you and dear Grace will have a good time this weak as I hope you will have the time by youselves and you can [do about?] as you please and when you please. I also feel as though I will get more letters from my darlings telling me everything. We were all at church and Sunday School as usual. Please tell Gracey I meet on [Fellery?] came to me and asked about her and wanted to know when she would come home. She wants her to hurry and come as she wanted to see her. I think all are well as I have not heard of any being sick. Miss [Rice?] is not well. Jennie and I were in to see her and we thanked her for you as you wanted to do yourself she said it was not worth a thank but she was glad if it pleased you, we are all in the sitting room around the fire as it is quite cool and unplesant, it is reglar March weather. I am so glad it is so for it will be plesent when it should be. At least we [think?] papa was telling us a little about your Library. Now I do think it must be lovely there and when it is dark and dreary at the houseyou and all can go there and enjoy the bright sunbeames that may show themselves there and there will be many of them no doubt if we only will lookand study them. Well dear Mina, as Ira and Cora are coming over soon and I want to write a few lines to [Marion?] and Aunt Lucy I will close these few lines to you hoping you are all well and be happy. Please except my love and best wishes, love to all from all, from Mother to her dear ones

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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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My dear Mina and Mr Elison
and dear Gracy and
Thomas and William I will only write
a few lines as your pa is hear and
he has so much to talk a bout and
tell us we or I cannot write as I
want to hear what he has to say I
am so glad to have pa with us, and
seeming to be so well I hope he
is as well as he looks he has
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heard of any being sick. Miss Price
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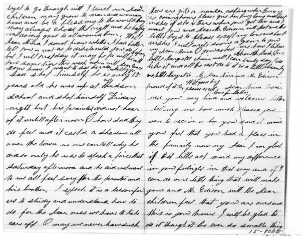

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[FI001ACE], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, March 4th, 1888

Title

[FI001ACE], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, March 4th, 1888

Editor's Notes

15-8065. My dear Mina and Mr. Edison, ##dear Mina Grace [recd?] you very kind and welcome letter telling me how much pleased you were to receivea [boy? Toy?], you said it maid you feel that you had a place in the family now. My dear I am glad if that little act maid any differences in your feelinges in that way and if I can do one little thing that will make you and Mr Edison with the dear children feel that you are ours and this is your home I will be glad to do it though it be ever so small a thing ## I want my darlings always to feel and know this is there home and they are welcome to everything in it and all of us will be glad to see you hear and will try to do all we can to please you, I expect you and dear Grace have had a grand good time this last week, your being all alone you could say and do just as you please and when you please. How nice it is to be free and easy. I hope when dear Marion gettes home she can join you early and all enjoy being together, Mother and daughter and sister and family all feeling as one and wishing each other happiness and joys through life, helping each other to improve every moment to the best advantage as it swiftly passed by. Just think how fast times flyes, soone we can hear the beautiful brides sing while we are walking on the beautiful green grass. How good the maker of all things is or was to make every thing so plesent and [prosperous? Purposeful? Just, he has?] for us in the winter we can have more time and quietness for study and thoguht, we can learn so much every day but when we are alone and quiet it is then that they do us the most good. Well dear Mina it may be you would be glad be glad to hear how we are all at home, well we are all well and were all at Sunday school and church as usual and if it had not ben for such a sad afair that has just happened we would all enjoyed the day very much as we had the Elder with us and it was communion day, but it seemes we have to have bitter with the sweet all through. This life joy and sorry go together. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Sinder telephoned over to us telling us that alfred Underwood tried to fo go through with. I trust our dear children may grow to man and womanhood and be a blessing to the world they may always choose the right and be happy in doing good to all around them. Well dear Mina I donot know whether I had better tell you or not as pa [disafasmuted? Disaffected?] you so before but I will just say it may be pa will be with you sometime this week. When will dear Grace come home. I want to see her [also Willey jr?] had shot himself, he is only 15 years old. He was up and Hudson school and shot himself Friday night but his families did not hear of it untill afternoon. O how sad they do feel and it casts a shadow all over the town. No one can tell why he did so, only he was to speak a piece that Saturday afternoon and he did not want to. We all feel sorry for the parents and his brother, I expect it is a lesson for us to study and understand how to do for the dear ones we have to take care off. O may we never have such. ## There are quite a number asking when Gracey is coming home. Please give her my love and best wishes if she is there when you get this and I want you and dear Mr. Edison with you and the little boys to please except my love and best wishes. I will write soone again to you my dear Mina. O, you asked me how I liked little Margret's char. Well I can truly say I do like it and all the rest to. It is a little beauty, and little Margret is proud of it to. Well goodby, please except love from Mother

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and little Margret is
proud of it too, please except
Well good buy
love from Mother

Akron Oh, March, 4th 85.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

Dear Mina I received your very kind and welcome letter
telling me how much pleased you
were to receive a toy you said it maid
you feel that you had a place in
the family now my dear I am glad
if that little act maid any difference
in your feelings in that way and if I
can do one little thing that will make
you and Mr Edison with the dear
children feel that you are ours and
this is your home I will be glad to
do it though it be ever so small a thing

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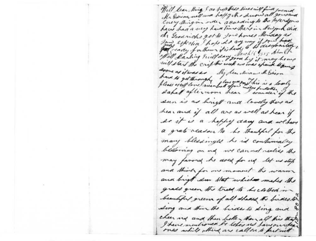
I want my darlings to always to feel and know this is there home and they are welcome to everything in it and all of us will be glad to see you hear and will try to do all we can to please you, I expect you and dear Gracey have had a grand good time this last week you being all alone you could say and do just as you pleased and when you pleased how nice it is to be free and easy

I hope when dear Marion gettes home she can join you party and all enjoy being to gether Mother and daughter and sister and Auntie all feeling as one and wishing each other happiness and joys through life helping each other to improve every moment to the best advantage as it swiftly passes by just think how fast times flyes soone we can hear the beautiful birdes sing while we are walking on thy beautiful green grass how good the maker of all things is in a way to make every thing so pleasent and perfect for us in the winter we can have more time and quietness for studey and thought we can learn so much every day but when we are alone and quiet it is then that they do us the most good, well dear Mina it may you would be glad be glad to hear how we are all at home well we are all well and were all at Sunday school and church as usal and if it had not ben for such a sad afair that has just happened we would all enjoyed the day very much as we had the Elder with us and it was communion day but Oh it seemes we have to have bitter with the sweet all through this life joy and sorry go to gether yesterday after noon Mrs Snider Telephoned over to us telling us that Alfred underwent



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Title
[FI001ACF], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, March 18th, 1888

Editor's Notes
15-8072. My dear Mina and Mr. Edison, ## This is a lovly Sabath afternoon hear. I wonder if the sun is as bright and lovely there ashear and if all are as well as hear. If so it is a happy day and we have a grate reason to be thankful for the many blessings he is continually bestowing on us. We cannot realize the many favors he does for us. Let us stop and think for one moment. The warm and bright sun, that which makes the grass green of all shades, the birdes to sing and then the birdes to sing and cheer us and then better than all this that I have mentioned he letes us have our dear ones while others are called to part with ## Well dear Mina, I do hope these lines will find you and Mr. Edison well and happy. The snow all gone and every thing in order. According to the papers you have had a very hard time there in New York. Did Mr. Goodrichs get to youur house Monday as you expected. I hope so. Anyway if you was ready for them it is hard to be [disappointed?] ## Well darling I will say goodby. It may be we will start the [crip?] this week, we was afraid to [go so?] soone as it was so hard to get through. Please except love [I mean but open?] love and good wishes from Mother.

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Well dear Ming I do hope thes lines will find you and
Mr Edison well and happy Mr Swon all gone and
every thing in order acording to the papers you
have had a very hard time there in New york did
Mr Goodricks get to your house Monday as
you expected I hope so any way if you ~~had~~
was ~~got~~ ready for them it is hard to be disapointed

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Well Darling I will say good by it may be we
will start the crip this week we was afraid to go as
soone as it was so hard to get through
please except love I mean best of love and good wishes from Mother

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

This is a lovely Sabath afternoon hear I wonder if the sun is as brigt and lovely there as hear and if all are as well as hear if so it is a happy day and we have a grate reason to be thankful for the many blessingss he is continually bestowing on us we cannot realize the may favors he does for us let us stop and think for one moment the warm and brigt sun that which makes the grass green the trees to be clothed in beautiful greens of all shades the birdes to sing and then the birdes to sing and cheer us and then better than all this that I have mentioned he letes us have our dear ones while others are called to part with

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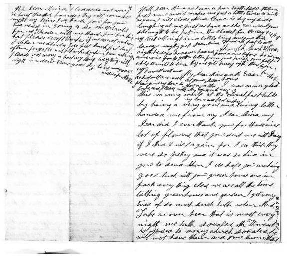
dear ones we can rejoice that we can all see each other when we would think it best to call all together and have a good time with each other it is true we are seperated far from each other but we have pen and ink and paper ~~[illegible]~~ and health of mind and body that we may write and enjoy each other in that way and know from time to time how each other is getting along. Dear Mina I have thought of you so often to day and have wished that it was so I or some of us could run in a little while and have a little chat with you or all of you could come home I expect the day seemed long and will for a while but just think what a comfort it is to have a kind and affectionate Husband to stay with ~~yt~~ you and both can enjoy each others company and make the time pass by so fast we can hardly tell how fast it goes I am so glad my darling has a companion that will always love and stay by her and will cheer her at all times I do hope my dear will always be able to cheer and comfort her Husband and all the dear ones that are in her charge and keeping.

We were all at Sunday school and church as usual and enjoyed them it is a place that we always enjoy and gether good and strength for the coming week and time.

Lewis went down to Canton last evening he has not been down for some time before Miss Gaston is with Robbie yet she is a going to make a stay instead of a visit I think they are all well down here I believe, How is Dot and the little boys I hope they are all well and will enjoy the coming spring and summer please give them my love and best wishes I hope to see them here as soon as there school closes.

Dear Mina do you give my love and best wishes to Mr Edison I hope you do and always will I hope he has his work so he can stay with you all the time or at least the greater part of the time. every day Gracey has something new to tell us about her stay with you she thinks you do keep house so easy and nice it does me good to hear her tell over things about you and yours I hope you may keep well and every thing will be as you would like keep up good spirits and all will go well, We expect Mamie home in about two weeks to stay a few days it may be she will bring the lady that is to go east with them home with her sometimes I think it will be nice and then again I would rather we could be alone we would have more freedom I think



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Title

[FI001ACG], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, March 21st, 1888

Editor's Notes

15-8073. My dear Mina and Mr. Edison, I was maid glad this morning while at the Breakfast tables by having a very good and loving letter handed me from my dear Mina my dear did I even thank you for those nice lot of flowers that you sent me. Will Grace if I did I met again for I do think they were so pretty and it was so kind of you to send them. I do hope you are having good lunck with your greenhouse and in fact everything else we are all the time talking greenhouse and garden. I get very tired of so much such talk when Mrs. Lake is over hear, that is, most every night we talk socials. Mr. Vincent is opposed to money church socales. He will not have them and you know that Is what pa and Mrs. Lake [gres?] for it is a grate trial for them to give such socales up. I would like if you feel able to tell us how they get money to [pay? Say?] there little [wordes? Candles?] in the church your church how they raises it. We are in debt and do not know how to get out only by having pay socales . Please let us know how your folkes do at your church. Pa and Mrs/ Lake work every night almost at there [book? Pool?] Pa thinkes it will take nearly all spring. It is a grater piece of work than he thought when he comenced. It will be good when finished. We are going to have our old peanio exchanged for an upright and give it to Robbie his birthday. What do you think of that? You remember it is in Graceys room and we want to put a long bed in there and it is so crouded when both are in there. Gracey does not like her room and we have another place to set it so we thought it might please Robbieor Louies aught to write to you after you tried and did make it so plesent for them while they were with you in the [south? Soull?] so many times. I think Robbie feels a little slited as we don't go downe very much. They do not come up hear. I have not ben downe but once. The reason was they had a house full and was going out all the time. I did not feel like going downe as I might be in the way and would not want to go out as much as they did so I staid at home. I do not want to go where I will make any difference in the family arrangementes. I do not want to be in the way any place. Sometimes I feel as though things would be more pleasant and in better order hear at home if I was not hear but I must have some place to stay for a short time. I trust so I try to be contented and try to do what little I can to make myself liked. If I cannot be loved. That was loved is a [little?] to strong as we are not to love any one better than the all {Thes? Sies? Thies?] he that doeth all things well and right. I am glad my darling is trying to be contented and doing to others as she would have them to her. It is the only happy way to live, the only way to do any good or gain what we most love. O how easy to write if we could live as easy/. What an easy life, ah to easy it would not good. ## Well dear Mina, as I am a poor worthless Mother [just?] now and it makes me feel a little tired to write as I am, I will close Mina. Grace is by my side laughing at me just as hard as she can , don't you she aught to be put in the closet for the day. My [feet?] all right in a little line don't you think Grace's a naughty girl, dear Mina Theodor's hat is all right, he says he never had as good a one before. He is very anxious to get a letter from you. I wish you felt able to write to him. They are quite busy with the paper. We are all well and do hope all are well at your dear home. Please give my love to [dot?] and the boys and please will Mr. Edison to receive my love and best wishes from Mother. PS--Dear Mina, please do not worry about those boardes. They will come all right as time. I do hhank you for your kindness in going to so much trubble for us. Theodor with me thank you for his hat. Please except thankes. If we do not mention it when we should I do feel thankful but often forget to write thankes when I am writing. Please not worry about my wig, everything will right in dew time. Goodby, love and good wishes from Mother.

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My dear Mina please do not worry about those bounds they will come all right any time I do thank you for your kindness in going to so much trouble for us Theodore with me thank you for his but please accept thanks if we do not mention it when we should I do feel thankful but often forget to will thank you when I am writing please not worry about any thing everything will right in due time good by love and good wishes from Mother

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Akron Oh. March 21 1894,

My dear Mina and Mr Edison from Mother

I was maid glad this morning while at the Breakfast table by haing a very good and loving letter handed me from my dear Mina my dear did I ever thank you for those nice lot of flowers that you sent me with Gracy if I did I will again for I do think they were so pretty and it was so kind in you to send them I do hope you are haing good luck with your green house and in fact every thing elce we are all the time talking greenhouse and garden I get very tired of so much such talk when Mrs Jake is over hear that is most every night we talk socales Mr Vincent is opposed to money church socales he will not have them and you know that

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is what pa and Mrs Tate goes for it is a grate trial for them to give such socales up I would like if you feel able to tell us how they get money to pay there little wantes in the church at your church how they raise it we are in det and donot know how to get out only by having pay socalls please let us know how your folkes do at your church pa and Mrs Tate work every nigth almost at there book pa thinks it will take nearly all spring it is a grater peice of work than he thought when he comenced it will be good when finished. We are a going to have our old piano exchanged for an up right and give it to Robbie his birth day what do you think of that you rember it is in Graceys room and we want to put a larg bed in there and it is so crowded when both are in there Gracey doesnot like her room and we have no other place to set it so we thought it might please Robbie I think Robbie or Tonie aught to write to you after you tried and did make it so plesent for them while they were with you in the South some times I think

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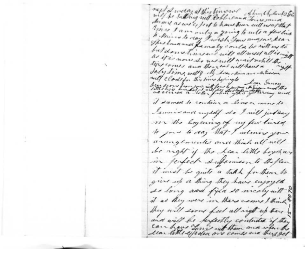

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[FI001ACH], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 25th, 1888

Editor's Notes

15-8070. My dear Mina and Mr. Edison Received a letter from you yesterday and it seemed to conatin a line or more to Jennie and myself so I will just say in the beginning of my few lines to you today that I admire your arrangementes and think all will be right if the dear little boys stay in perfect submission to the [fear?] it must be quite a ask for them to give up a thing they have enjoyed so long and [played? Fixed? Flyed?] so nicely with it as they were in there rome. I think they will soon feel all right up there and will be perfectly contented if they can have [Lems? Gems?] with them and when the dear little expected one comes and they get to liking it they will [say? Do?] and know what it all is for. They will be happy I do hope love and joy may always fill your home, every room may have so much love in it that the little boys and dot with every one else may feel just as well in one and in another. There is so many little ways and thinges in a house that it will seem like home is every where. You may go in it [eas?] and freedome makes a happy home other wordes contentment and love are the foundations of a happy home. We will start the little article you have mentioned in the letter to us in the morning so you can send it to a shop and have it fixed just as it should be. We would do it hear but we think it would be better to send it as it is and have it fixed there. I wish I knew just how you felt about it. Sometimes I think we had better have it fixed hear. I do wish I new which way would be the best. I believe we will have it fixed hear for it will be a task for you to see to it. I will see what the rest say about it. I hope you will be carful and not get sick and spoil every thing. Now is the time for you to be careful. I hope these few lines will find you and all well and happy. We are all well and were all at Sunday School and church as usual but it is a very chilly and dark day. I might say it is a cold day but we can be contented with it as the time is so near for us to have warm and plesent weather,. We had little Margret over hear a little while yesterday by herself. Her mama is not well and has not ben for nearly a week, but she is better now. Dear little margret was as good as she could be but her dear little face is or lookes so bad. I do hope your dear little one will not have any such trubles but all say as sound. She has her [teeth?]. Her face will be all right. I do hope so. Well I just spoke to pa about that little Bureau. He thinks it best to have it fixed hear so we will not start it to you for a[hilling?] but will by and have it indear time. I think it will be a very handy little piece of furniture and I hope you will take it when you get it. I am so glad Mr. Edison is helping you so much. That is the way to as [help?] himself Next Sunday at this time we will be talking with Robbie and [Mamies?] as we expect to have them since I am only going to to [Mamies?] today. I wish you and your dear husband and famaly could be with us to but sometimewe will all meet. All is right so it is now, so we will wait until the time comes and then we will have a right joly time, Well I will close for this time hoping to hear some from you. With love to you and Mr. Edison and the little boys and [dot?]. I will say good by from Mother.

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Mamie as we expect to have them with us at that
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to Minnie to day I wish you and your dear
husband and famaly could be with us to
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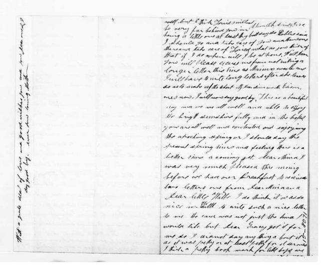
you get it. I am so glad old Simon is helping
you so much that is the way to do have him tell

it will pleas him



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[FI001ACI], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, April 4th, 1888

Title

[FI001ACI], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, April 4th, 1888

Editor's Notes

15-8071.My dear Mina and Mr. Edison, This is a beautiful day and we are all well and able to enjoy the bright sunshine fully and in the hopes you are all well and contented and enjoying the aproaching spring or I should say the present spring time and feeling there is a better time a coming yet. Dear Mina I was very much pleased this morning before we had our breakfast to receive two letters, one from dear Mina and dear little Wille. I do think it is also nice in Will to write such a nice letter to me. The card was not just the [time?] I would like but dear Gracey got it for me so I did not say anything about it as it was pretty or at least pretty for older ones. I think a pretty book mark for little boys are rather nicer but I am glad Willie likes it anyway. I receieved one from dot. It was a very pretty Lilley. Robbe and Louies also all were very pretty. I am a going to write to both and thank them for there kind remembrances of poor me. I never will forgive myself for not having that little [Beau?] O I do not know how to spell it but you know what I mean. Pa not getting it fixed before sending it if I did not think they would do it better there then. Dear I would feel very sorry indeed but I live in hopes it is the best as it is so will be contented. Dear Mina I or we have sent your [satodal?] with a smalk [and a cal?] in it hoping it will reach you in dew time and in [say my?] and it will be pleasing to you and when you look at it it will always please and cheer you. It is only a small piece but it takes small thing to make home and this life what it should be, darling. I do hope you will not work so hard as to get tired and sick but take every easy, it will all come right some day. Try and help well are you attending to your breastes so they will be ready for the dear little friend when it comes and will nead to be fead. We have to feed as well as cloth those little darlinges. I neaer not fear but all will be ready but I thought I would just mention this. We read in the paper that Father Edison was quite sick. I hope not dangerous. We would all like to hear how he is as often as we can. Has Mr. Edison gone to see his Father yet. I hope he will go for it will make him feel so much better, in fact, both will feel better if they can see each other especially if Father Edison shall be called away. Please send him my best wishes and respectes. You always give them to your dear Mr. Edison. I always mean him whenI send my love and best wishes to you in my letters. We, that is Maime and Miss [Coustone? Houstone?] were downe to Canton, went Monday evening and come Tuesday evening had a very nice time. All are well but I think Louies [milland?] he very far behind you in having a little one at least they both say so. I should go and take of you them. Come there and take care of Louies. What do you think of that, if I do when will I be at home. Well dear, you will please excuse me from not writing a longer letter this time as [Maime waite me?] I will have to write long letters after she leaves so as to make up the short ones now. I will now say goodby With a grate deal of love and good wishes you and your dear ones I say good by. Ever your loving Mother.

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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15-8071

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so will be contented. Dear Mina I
or we have sent you satchel with a
small artical in it hoping it will
reach you in due time and in safty
and it will be pleasing to you and when
you look at it it will always please
and cheer you it is only a smal peice
but it takes smal thing to make home and
this life what it should be. Darling
I do hope you will not work so hard
as to get tired and sick but take every

easy it will all come right some day
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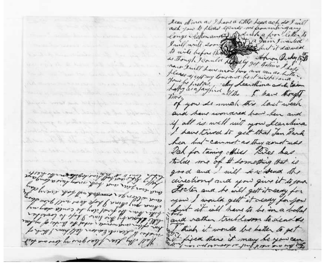
often as we can has Mr Edison gone to
see him Father yet I hope he will go for
it will make him feel so much better in
fact both will feel better if they can see
each other especely if Father Edison should
be called a way pleas send him my best
wishes and respects you always give them
to you dear Mr Edison I always mean him
when I send my love and best wishes to you in
my letters. We that is Mama and Miss Coulston
were down to Canton went Monday eving and
come Tuesday evng had a very nice time all are



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[FI001ACJ], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, May 18th, 1888

Title

[FI001ACJ], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, May 18th, 1888

Editor's Notes

15-8068. My dear Mina and Mr. Edison, ### I have thought of you so much this last weak and have wondered how ben and if all is well with you. Dear mina I have tried to get that Han Bark [Tea? Hear?] but cannot as they do not use Oak for tanning. Miss [Rice?] has tolde me of # something that is good and I will send the directions and you give it to your doctor and he will gett it ready for you. I would gett it ready for you but it will have to be in a bottal and rather trublesom to send so I think it would be better to get it fixed there. It may be you can fix this and use it just as soone as you can. I will [-----?] soone again. ### Dear Mina, as I have a liitle headach so I will ask you to pleas excuse me from writing any longer letter and such a poor letter to. I will write some again. I wanted I will write soone but it seemed to write before this as though I could hardly get [starteds?] I hope now I will have more time and can do beter. Please excepting love and best wishes and yours be just as happy as a jay bird all the time. ### Well my dear, pleas give my love and best wishes to dear Mr. Edison. Tell him I think of him oftgen and wonder what he thinkers of my dear little Mina by this time. I hope he loves her better than the first day he could say my Mina [young?] Mina. I hope love will grow stronger and stronger with both every day and ever year and both may live a long and happy life and both live together in the next life, Love to all Mother.

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Recipient

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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Dear Mina as I have a little head ach so I will ask you to pleas excuse me from writing any longer letter and such a poor letter to I will write soon a gain I wanted to write before this but it seemed as though I could hardly get setting I hope now I will have more time and can do better. please except my love and best wishes and you be just as happy as a sunflower all the time,

My dear Mina and Mr Edison I have thought of you so much this last week and have wondered how [illegible] and if all is well with you dear Mina I have tried to get that Tan Bark tea but cannot as they do not use Oak for taning Miss Price has tolde me of something that is good and I will send the directions and you give it to your Doctor and he will get it ready for you I would gett it ready for you but it will have to be in a bottal tobo and rather trublesom to send so again I think it would be better to get it fixed there it may be you can fix this and use it just as soone as you can I will

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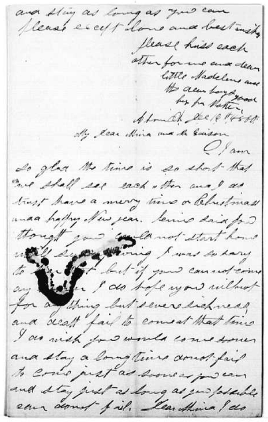
Love to all Tillie

2 [illegible] how are the Measeles I hope they are doing well pleas give lot of Louis & Willman my love 3
also please remember me to Mr and Mrs Edison I hope all are well and happy good by.

do it you self but I would gett the
Docter to fix it for me I would get
it right a way to and use it all the time
for you can not be to well prepared for
the work you have on hand I hope sister
M Dellie is with you I should say Mrs
Edison she can help you a grate deal
if you will ask her or let her know
what you nead. Dear Mira I hope you
will excuse my poor begin as Mr Mrim
gave me a pen and I was trying to use
it and I finaly gave it up for a bad
job have you got every thing started for
the dear little expected one I hope every
thing will be in readiness and order
in due time.

We have at last got our carpets are
nearly all down at last the painters
comenced in the girles roomes Friday
so we have the kitchen and seller to
clean yet but you know the girles
can do a good deal there so I will

not have to work so much there I am
going to have Louise come up and
help fix up the curtaines and pictures
and other things that nead to be fixed up
when that is done we will all be at
liberty and can do more as we would like,
Dear Cora and Hattie Wise with a good
may others were baptized and come in full
fellowship with the church I was so glad to
see her and so may others a young Mr
Tibles and sister and quite a number of others.
~~We with [illegible] the [illegible]~~ The K Tes and Mrs
are to have the next socal what do you
think would be good and nice you know
we are in that and we want something nice
and good, This is what you may call a nice
day the trees and flowers and grass are as pretty
as they can be I expect your place is beautiful
every thing as nice as can be Mr Duncan
took dinner with us Friday he said he
had called on you he thinks you have a
lovely home it seemed he could not say enough
a bout it he enjoyed his call with you very much



and stay as long as you can
please except love and best wishes
please kiss each
other for me and dear
little Madeline and
the dear boys good
bye for Mother
Akron Oh Dec 16th 1888
My dear Mina and Mr Edison
I am
so glad the time is so short that
we shall see each other and I do
trust have a merry time or Christmas
and a happy New year. Lewis said you
thought you could not start home
until [illegible] evening I was so sorry
to [illegible] but if you can not come
any [illegible] I do hope you without
for anything but severe sickness
and death fail to come at that time
I do wish you would come sooner
and stay a long time do not fail
to come just as soon as you can
and stay just as long as you possible
can do not fail. Dear Mina I do

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[FI001ACK], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, December 16th, 1888

Title

[FI001ACK], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, December 16th, 1888

Editor's Notes

15-8169. "My dear Mina and Mr. Edison: O I am so glad the time is so short that we shall see each other and I do trust have a merry time or [Christmass?] and a Happy New Year. Jennie said you thought you could not start home until Sunday evening. I was so sory to hear that but if you cannot come any sooner I do hope you [will not? Without?] for anything but severe sickness, and don’t fail to come at that time. I do wish you would come sooner and stay a long time. Do not fail to come just as soone as you can and stay just as long as you possibly can, do not fail. Dear Mina, I do not think I would bring you but truble and so many things if it will make you so much truble don't make yourself all tired out in getting ready. Come just as you are and I think we can get what you will want for little darling but darling if you can bring three or four sheetes for the crib I would be glad as we do not have any and I did not think of it in time to gett [it hind?] I would liike. Now do not I get to tired in packing and get sick. You will please let us know when you start so we can be at the train. O how glad we will all be when you get hear. Mr. Edison, Marion, Thomas and William and little darling Madlene. The little darling. I do wish she and my dear Maime was hear now. I do hope dear Mr. Edison and my dear children will have a good time. Do you think they will. What can I do or all us to make it plesent for the dear ones. I want to do all I can but the time is so short one can hardly do any thing. O if we could have dear Mamie and Gracy would not we have a nice time then for sure. I was glad to learn dear [Mamie?] was a little better. I do hope she may get well and stronger than ever. Her letter was short but a good one. It seemes strange we cannot get letters oftener. Dear Mina do not worry about any thing but bring just what you like and would enjoy the most and we will try and get what you nead. Do not get sick in getting ready to come hear, do all come just as soone as you can. ### And stay as long as you can. Please except love and best wishes. Please kiss each other for me and dear little Madelene and the dear boys a good [kiss?] from Mother. ### Don't forget the dinner cards. Did you get the [glass?] fan and comb? I got home all right. It was [mee?] I came. I was taken sick in the cars and I was not prepared. Goerge Vincent [such?] me at Buffalo for a few minutes. ### How is the darling Madalene. I really think she is the sweetest baby I ever saw. I was going to say [is as?] candy but they all think Octklyn?} is good. ###With love, Jennie [Note: Jennie writes the last page of this letter]

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- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, William Leslie
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Vincent, George Edgar

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Akron Oh Dec 16th 1888

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and stay just as long as you possible
can dont fail. Dear Mina I do

not think I would bring your bath tub and so many things if it will make you so much trouble dont make your self all tired out in getting ready come just as you are and I think we can get what you will want for little darling but darling if you can bring three or four sheets for the crib I would be glad as we dont have any and I didnot think of it in time to get the kind I would like now dont t get so tired in packing and get sick. you will please let me know when you start so we can be at the train O how glad we will all be when you get here Mr Edison Marion Thomas and Willman and little darling Madlene the little darling I do wish she and her dear Mamma was here now

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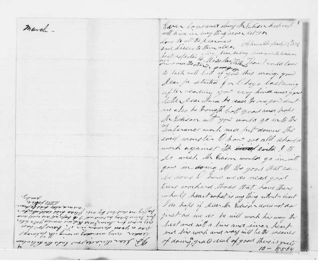
few minutes.
How is the darling Madaline
I really think she is the sweetest
baby I ever saw.
I ~~think you had better~~. I was
going to say order candy but
they all think Dilligan is good.

With love -

Jennie.



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Title

[FI001ACL], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, March 28th, 1889

Editor's Notes

10-5564. [Akron] My dear darling Mina and Mr. Edison, Though I would love to talk with both of you this morning, your dear pa started for [Clogo? Chicago?] last evening after reading your very kind and good letter dear Mina. He reaad the one you sent. We also he thought both good and hope Mr. Edison with you would go in to the [Remberances?...Temperances?] work and put down the evil monster. O how we all should work against its evils. I do so wish Mr. Edison would go in with you in doing all the good that [can?] be done. O how we do nead good [tried?] workers, those that have been there in whole heart, what is anything without a heart. I do hope if dear Mr. Edison does not see just as we do he will work his way to best and with a love and sincer heart and his work and will will better meanes of doing a grate deal of good. There is grate nead of every one doing all they can for good of mankind and they are a grate many ways of doing good work so we work with the right will and with the good ones help we are all right. I will just write these few lines I think they are so good for us every day and everything we have to do at home and for the [public?] Prayer sends the soal aloft, lifts it above the clouds in which our selfishness and egotism [befogars?] and gives us a chance to see which way to steer. {Spurgeon? Sturgeon?] These lines are good and true don't you think so my dear daughter. We know it by experance my dear. There is not a day passes but I can see the loving kindness of my dear Savour and wish I could live more in his likeness, but prayer and faith with trust in the true God will do all things. Let us watch, wait and trust. Dear Mina, I do hope these lines will find you well, strong and happy both in mind and body. That little darling o if I had her just now wouldn’t I kiss her, yes she knowes who her best friend is and will cry after her and want to be with the one that she loves the best. Little darling I hope she and the little boys will have a little fun with the little toy I started to them this morning. I started one to [Aunt?] Lucy. I thought it might cheer and make her laugh and you know a good harty laugh is as good as a well darling. I will let you find that out by experence so practice and you will soone know the worth of it. Well, I must close as I want this ready for the mail carier and it is just time for him. Dear Mina do all the good you can and every way you can and all will be well with you. I have no feares of the just and the good ever being forsakening. Please except love and very best wishes for you, Mother. Ever love and obey Mr. Edison, keep up with him in everything, never let go. Love to all the dear ones and kisses to them also. Best respectes to Miss [Mae?] [Wilkins?] louise and the others, goodby PS, dear Mina do you take the [Cleveland? Beloved?] every Monday [morning. Mr. Talmage has a good sermon in it. Have you had [any?] word from [Marion?]. I did think we would get a letter from [him?] today but did not. I do hope all are well and happy. No doubt but they are. Please kiss each other for me and also kiss to dear little folkes, goodby

Author

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Jane Eliza

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with him in every thing never let go

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and kisses to them also.
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March -

P.S. dear Mina do you take the Cleveland leader every monday moring Mr Talmage has a good serman in it, have you had any word from Marion I did think we would get a letter from Jennie to day but did not I do hope all are well and happy no doubt but they are. Please kiss each other for me and also kiss the dear little folks.

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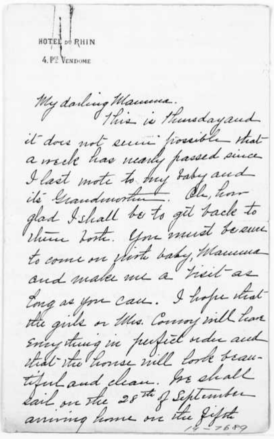

HOTEL DU RHIN
4. P^{ce} VENDOME

My darling Mamma.

This is Thursday and it does not seem possible that a week has nearly passed since I last wrote to my baby and its Grandmother. Oh, how glad I shall be to get back to them both. You must be sure to come on with baby, Mamma and make me a visit as long as you can. I hope that the girls or Mrs. Conroy will have everything in perfect order and that the house will look beautiful and clean. We shall sail on the 28th of September arriving home on the fifth

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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

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- Exhibition. Paris Universal (1889)
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Lovingly - Mina

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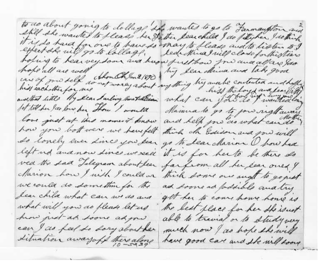
4 Always start on front needle,
Knit six - Slip one - Knit one pull over slip stitch -
Repeat around 3 needles.
5 times round plain knitting
Knit four slip one, etc. around three needles.
Knit three times around plain
Knit 3 slip one etc.
Twice around plain
Knit 2 slip one etc.
Once plain

Knit one slip 1
Knit once plain -
Knit one slip one

Repeat until 14 stitches on three needles



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Title
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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Edison, Marion Estelle

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to do about going to Collage she wanted to go to Farmington and
still she wanted to please her Father dear child I do pitty her I do think
it is so hard for one to have so many to please and to listen to I
expect she will go to Collage. dear Mina I will close for this time
hoping to hear very soon and know just how you and all are I do
hope all are well try dear Mina and take good
care of your self do not worry about anything try and be contented and happy
kiss each other for me kiss the boys and dear little
and that little pet for me every one
pet tell her I do love her

Akron Oh Jan 8 1890

My dear darling Mina & Mr Edison
How I would
love just at this moment know
how you both were we have felt
so lonely ever since you dear
left us and now since we recei
ved the sad Telegram about dear
Marion how I wish I could or
we could do somethin for the
dear child what can we do and
what will you do please let us
know just as soone as you
can I do feel so sorry about her
situation away off there alone

what can you do I wanted loving
Mamma to go to you right away
and help you to do what can do Mother
think Mr Edison and you will
go to dear Marion O how had
it is for her to be there so
far from all her dear ones I
think some one aught to go just
as soone as possible and try
get her to come home home is
the best place for her she is not
able to travial or to study very
much now I do hope she will
have good care and she will soone

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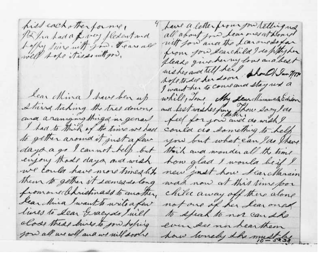
well I feel afraid we will never see dear Marion again but I hope we will dear Mina donot let this worry you any more than you possible can help let us know what we can do we will glad to do any we possible can, O how I do miss that little pet did she stand the trip all right and is she well now, were the girls all at home and all ready for you I am so glad you are and was with Mr Edison when he received the Telegram about dear Marion I am glad Ira is with you I hope he will help you all he can I hope you will hear every day and Mrs Earl will soon be with dear Marion and can cheer and comfort

Marion very much dont it seem strang every time you have gone home before you expected to it had proven good that you did go what would dear Mr Edison have done when he received that Telegram if he had been without you by his side he thinks you can do every thing all right O I am so glad he loves you so much O may the love grow stronger and stronger every day and year you may be permited to live to gether try dear Mina to please and comfort him all you can it will be better lott for yourself and for dear Mr Edison O how I would love to see all of you now Mr Marion and the rest are in the sitting room and I in our bead room alone, dear Gracy does not know what



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Title
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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned
Edison, Marion Estelle

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kiss each other for me,
We have had a very plesent and happy time with you. We are all well hope it is so with you.

Dear Mina I have ben up stairs taking the tree down and aranging things in genral I had to think of the time we had to gether around it just a few days a go I cannot help but enjoy those days and wish we could have more times like them to gether it seemes so long from one Christmass to another, Dear Mina I want to write a few lines to dear Gracy so I will close these lines to you hoping you all are well and we will soone have a letter from you telling us all about you dear ones at home with you and the dear ones so far from you dear child I do pitty her please give her my love and best wishes and tell her I hope to see her soon I want her to come and stay with us a while, Love

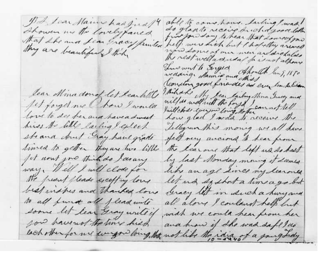
Akron O Jan 7/88

My dear Mina and the Edison and best wishes from Mother.

I how sorry I do feel for you and do wish I could do something to help you but what can I do I have think and wonder all the time how glad I would be if I new just how dear Marain was now at this time poor child away off there alone not one of her dear ones to speak to nor can she even see nor hear them how lonely she must be

it is so good that she had
such a good place to stay in
and every thing so well fixed
and your Bankers can see
and know just how she is
every day do they not send
you a word every day I hope
so and also you have had
letters telling every thing just
how she is and how they
came to be exposed in such
a way. I do hope dear Marian
is better and soone will be
able to come home and she
will be contented and happy
hear at home and in the
united states. I am so glad
Mamme and Gracey is at home
dear Gracy is not right hear
with us but she is near and

we can get to her soon if needed
I do hope you and she had a
good time to gether we have look
ed for a Tellegram all day or ever
since we hoped you had arrived
and was safe at Gracys place
of school I do hope she will do
well and all will be pleased with
her change and the time will be
well spent. How is that little pet
I do hope she is well and growing
fast but not to fast neither for
it is not good to do that have you
had the doctor over to see her yet I
hope so please kiss her over and over
for me I hope she had a good time
on the cares her uncle Ira says
she had a good time all the time
he was with her he thinks she is a
very smart little girl every one says
to.



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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned
Edison, Marion Estelle

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P.S. dear Maime has just shown me the lovely fancd that she and dear Gracy painted they are beautiful I think. 4

Dear Mina dont let dear little pet forget me O how I would love to see her and have a sweet kiss the little darling I expect she and Aunt Gray have grate times to gether they are two little pet dont you think so I do any way. Well I will close for the present please except my love best wishes and thanks love to all friends all please write soone let dear Gray write if you have not the time kiss each other for me ever your loving Mother

able to come home. darling I was so glad to receive such a good letter from you today to hear that some of your help were sick but I hope they are well now some of our men are sick also the rest well as usual pa is not at home Lew went to Gorges wedding. Mamie and Miss Compton good friends as ever dear Mr Edison I think so

Akron Oh Jan 7, 1890

My dear darling Mina Gracy and will do well with the boys I will close ever your loving Mother

I cannot tell how glad I was to receive the Tellegram this moring we all have felt very ancious to hear from the dear one that left us so hasty last Monday moring it seems like an age since my dear ones left us so short a time ago but Gracy left in such a hurry and all alone I couldnot help but wish we could hear from her and how if she was safe I do not like the idia of a young Lady

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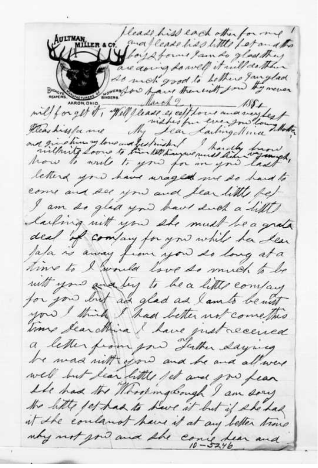
being in the cares a lone with an old Gentleman I hope he was a good man but it is running a great risk to be in such a place I hope to hear soon how dear Gracy succeeded all through I hope well though I am sorry she coulanot go to school as she was so ancious to get there in time I was sorry to learn so may were sick hope they will soon be well and in school and every thing will be lovely there dear Gracy will never be sorry she went there I expect you arranged every thing in her room and dear Gracy will have nothing to do but go back next Monday and commence work I do hope she will keep well and happy dear Mina I do thank you

so much for your kindness to dear Gracy and all of us I donot know when or how we ever can pay you and dear Mr Edison for all you have done for us as a family how pleasant for dear Gracy to have a Brother and sister that are so good and to open there doors and say come in and be at home with us please accept my many many thanks I donot know what else I can do dear Mina I do hope your sisters will be as fortunate as you have been I would love to hear more about dear Marion and if Mrs Earl had gone I do feel so sorry for dear Marion it must be very hard for her to be alone no dear hand to sooth her fevered head, or say one cheering word how lovely she must be I hope she is better and will soon



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My Dear Darling Mina I hardly know how to write to you for in your last letters you have uraged me so hard to come and see you and dear little pet I am so glad you have such a little darling with you she must be a grate deal of company for you while her dear papa is away from you so long at a time to I would love so much to be with you and try to be a little company for you but as glad as I am to be with you I think I had better not come this time Dear Mina I have just received a letter from you Father saying he was with you and he and all were well but dear little pet and you fear she had the Whooping cough I am sorry the little pet had to have it but if she had it she coulanot have it at any better time why not you and she come dear and

please kiss each other for me and please kiss little pet and the boys for me I am so glad they are doing so well it will do them so much good to be there I am glad you have them with you they never will forget it. Well please except love and very best wishes for every one Lovingly Mother

Please kiss Pa me and give him my love and best wishes [illegible]

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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- St Paul's School
- Miller, Edith Hotchkiss (Mrs Robert A. Jr)
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Edison, William Leslie
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Miller, Margaret

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AKRON, OHIO.

please kiss each other for me 1
and please kiss little pet and the
boys for me I am so glad they
are doing so well it will do them
so much good to be there I am glad
you have them with you they never
will forget it. Well please except love and very best
wishes from ever your loving Mother

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Please kiss pa for me
and give him my love and best wishes I
will write soon to him tell him you must kiss him very much,

My Dear Darling Mina

I hardly know how to write to you for in your last letters you have uraged me so hard to come and see you and dear little pet I am so glad you have such a little darling with you she must be a grata deal of company for you while her dear papa is away from you so long at a time to I would love so much to be with you and try to be a little company for you but as glad as I am to be with you I think I had better not come this time Dear Mina I have just received a letter from you Father saying he was with you and he and all were well but dear little pet and you fear she had the Whooping Cough I am sorry the little pet had to have it but if she had it she coulnot have it at any better time why not you and she come hear and

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let me do what little I can for her and
you I would love so much to do something
for her and you it is not as plesant hear
out doors but we can keep the house warm
and light so we can be comfortable and
we can have each others societ and I could
rock little pet I am glad your little son had
not out growne his dresses yet but you must
not let him were them untill they get to tight
for he nor his Mother will be as well for it
I think I would loosen them a little for the
comfort of both I do hope both will keep well
and do well but both want room and good care
be very carful and donot lift little pet nor
any thing eles nor reach up high but have as
happy and lovely times as possible look at
all the petty things and smart pretty men
especely also ladys I think they will make a great
impression any way. Mamie enjoyed reading
your letter as well as I my self it was well
thought of I am very sorry for that reason
to not be with you but no I will take that
back come to think of it for it might be you
would look or watch me to close and it might
have a bad effect this is nonsense you know
now so donot tell it to Mr Edison or any one, enough
of this, Ira and Cora have just been hear
I think little Margat is getting better I think
her face will soone be well and then she will
be all right as she is well other wise they

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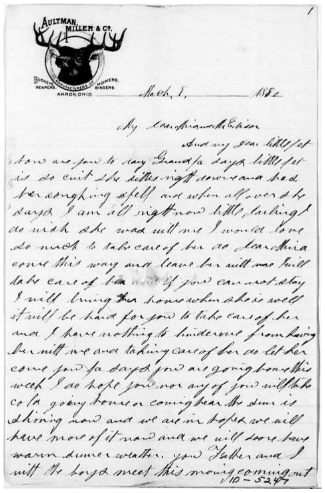
it was something shameful dear
child I do hope she will not have
many such spells. Jennie is
still with Aunt Alice but we will
look a little for her next Tuesday
they are well but Alice is about settled
and likes it very much there, Well darling
I think I had better stop or you will get tired out trying to read this
all seem to be well and happy.
did Robbie send you pictures of there
Babe they have it in severel ways Eddie
is holding it in one and Robbie in the
other and Eddie and Mr Igo together holding
the Babe between them and Mamie and
Miss Chance holding it between them all
are very good you ask them to send you a
box of them I think if they send one of each kind
they would fill a box, Mamie seemes quite well
now but had not been well all the time I do
hope she will soone get better we have Docter
Childs to attend her and I think he will do her
good but he says we will have to be very careful
and not let her get tired nor worred about any thing
I do feel so sorry for her she did feel so bad
last week she feeled so ashamed to think she
had to be so that hurts her to I think the Docter
tolde her she need not think of it any more than
she would the tooth ach he talked very good to
her and I think it did her good, she feeles as though

PS how long are you a going to stay
down there I wish you would come
up hear and stay untill Mr Edison
gets ready to go home and he can
come this way for you please come
and that soon. love to all and a kiss
to you Mr Edison little Dot and you
I will write to Pa to morrow if I can
Pa goodby
Glad he is well but tott must eat oftner or
tott will get sick.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My dear Mina & Mr Edison

And my dear little pet
How are you to day Grandpa says little pet
is so cuit she sitts right down and had
her coughing spell and when all over she
says I am all right now little darling I
do wish she was with me I would love
so much to take care of her so dear Mina
come this way and leave her with me I will
take care of her [illegible] if you can not stay
I will bring her home when she is well
it will be hard for you to take care of her
and I have nothing to hinder me from having
her with me and taking care of her so let her
come you pa says you are going home this
week I do hope you nor any of you will take
cold going home or coming hear the sun is
shining now and we are in hopes we will
have more of it now and we will soon have
warm summer weather. your Father and I
with the boys meet this moring coming out

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March 8, 1890

My dear Mina & Mr Edison
And my dear little pet
How are you to day Grandpa says little pet
is so cute she sittes right down and had
her coughing spell and when all over she
says I am all right now little darling I
do wish she was with me I would love
so much to take care of her so dear Mina
come this way and leave her with me I will
take care of her and if you can not stay
I will bring her home when she is well
it will be hard for you to take care of her
and I have nothing to hinder me from having
her with me and taking care of her do let her
come your pa says you are going home this
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cold going home or coming here the sun is
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warm summer weather. your Father and I
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of sunday school it was quite a surprise as we did not expect him before next week some time we were all glad to see him he seemed to be feeling quite well and happy I think the trip did him good he thinks it is a very pleasant down there, I am very sorry to hear dear Marion face is marked but if she is well and all right other ways she will soon be over that dear child she must feel bad and lonesome over there alone it seems ~~to~~ any way all strangers I wish she was at home I am so very glad Mamie and Gracy is at home or near home I am glad dear Mamie is at home I do think it is the place for her in her health the docter was in to see her this moring and she had a spell of the sick headach hardly able to be up I think we will take her east to some good docter just as soon as we can docter Pepper of Philadiphia atleast Mr Marvin thinks he is the best docter he ever meet Miss Thall is there now,

I am so glad dear Mr Edison is so contented and feels as though he can acomplish what he would like to do I hope he will not work to hard and get sick try and have him take good care of himself for we want him to live a long life and a happy one so please kiss him for me and give him my love and very best wishes.

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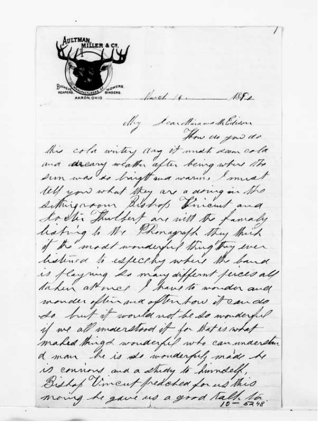
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] ches for the kids
[illegible] of [illegible] better, dear kiss back
[illegible] other for [illegible] little others
and give my love [illegible] to all [illegible]
writing

I hope ~~Hannah~~ with Allison will come this way with you and dear little [illegible] the boys too if you think it best or well for them have they had the whooping cough yet I do hope so I am so glad in a good many ways that dear little pet has it now it is some warm summer and there is only one and she will never be afraid of I do [illegible] around it [illegible] well she has it now, but darling you must try and take as little care of her as you can do not lift her to much nor watch her to close let others help in so all they can it will be better for you. I am glad the boys are well and like it there and Miss Mae Hollands can be with you I think she is so very nice and good I hope you can keep her as long as you want to keep the boys at home and I would keep them until they are old enough to know how to take care of them selves it is to [illegible] to see little fellows go away from home to young. well now I did not mean to write all of this so [illegible]



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My Dear Mina and M Edison
How do you do this cold wintry day it must seem cold and dreary weather after being where the sun was so bright and warm. I must tell you what they are a doing in the sittingroom Bishop Vincent and Doctor Thulbert are with the family listing to the Phonograph they think it the most wonderful thing they ever listened to especilly when the band is playing so many different pieces all taken at once I have to wonder and wonder often and often how it can do so but it would not be so wonderful if we all understood it for that is what makes things wonderful who can understand man he is ~~so~~ so wonderfully made he is curious and a study to himself, Bishop Vincent preached for us this moring he gave us a good talk to.

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My Dear Mina and Mr Edison

How do you do this cold wintry day it must seem cold and dreary weather after being where the sun was so bright and warm. I must tell you what they are a doing in the sittingroom Bishop Vincent and Doctor Hurlbut are with the famaly listing to the Phonograph they think it the most wonderful thing they ever listened to especially where the band is playing so many different pieces all taken at once I have to wonder and wonder often and often how it can do so but it would not be so wonderful if we all understood it for that is what makes things wonderful who can understand man he is so wonderfully made he is curious and a study to himself, Bishop Vincent preached for us this moring he gave us a good talk too.

Cycle Thudhurt will preach this evening
they are both well and have just come up
from Florida they said it was warm and very
plesant and they had Oranges and other fruit
The Bishop left his Wife at St Austine.
~~It~~ It seemes more like winter than any other
time this last winter the ground is covered with
snow and it is cold but I am so glad
it is so we have to have such weather
for our good and now is the time and I
am so glad we are having it we will soon
have warm bright weather And O if I only
could have that little darling dear with me
I could take her out in the garden and
we would have gay times little darling
I do wish I could kiss her just now I do
hope she and her dear Father and Mother and
the dear little boys are all well and glad
they are in there lovely home again your
Father was there the other day and he says
it is lovely it is so clean clean from top
to bottom I was so glad to hear that
now you will not have to go right at work
and clean it would be so hard for you
now dear little pet not being well and
neither your self I do hope these lines will

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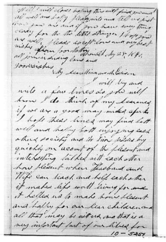
find you feeling rested and well as you
can be Darling I know it is hard to have
no one but servents to talk with and be
with but darling if you did not or could
not have them you might have it harder
and more unplesant it is very hard to have
every thing to do when not feeling well and
so much to do darling be glad and happy
and contented for how much better it
is as you say than if it was other wise
my dear think of the many plesant times you
can have with your dear Husband and little
pet and famaly I am so glad you can
have all the help you have and can have
more if you want it I am glad your
Maid will stay by you let her do all
she will for you and you have a good
time while you can I am glad you have
Miss Mac Williams with you she must be
good company and you can read and talk
to gether very often and the time will pass

very well spent, I do think if you have a good

March

Laundress I would keep her for it is so hard to get a good wash woman at least it is here and I fear it will be there after a little time a good girl is better I think I would have her take all the care of the clothes and if any are missing or torn through her carelessness she should make it good I should think Leana could watch all the clothes but Mr Edisons and yours and little fellas those the Maid could take care of so every thing would be in good care all the time and not any trouble to you in particularly. I would go out all you can and have company all you can do all you can in that way and time will fly fast and you will be doing good all the time. Well Darling I am writing a long letter of stuff I started and could not find a stoping place but I think I will stop for I fear it will not interest or be of any good to you or anyone but I do hope my darling will be happy and then all will be well. Your Father thinks you are very happy and seem to be well. I will close for this time hoping all are well and happy. please kiss each other for me and that little darling tell her I do love her and do want to see her kiss her over and over for me also please kiss the dear boys and give them my love and very best wishes. respects to all, ever your loving Mother



Well I will close hoping this will find you and
all well and happy please write and tell us just
how you are and if you have every thing
ready for the the little stranger I hope you
are well, please except love and very best
wishes from your Mother
all join in sending love and
good wishes

Akron May 25th 1890.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

I will try and
write a few lines so you will
know I do think of my dearies
if we are a good many miles apart
I hope these lines may find both
well and happy both enjoying each
others society and the time glides by
quickly on acount of the plesent and
interesting talkes with each other
how plesent when Husband and
Wife can teach and help each other
it makes life worth living for and
it helped us to make home plesent
and happy for our dear children and
all that may be with us and that is a
very important part of our lives for

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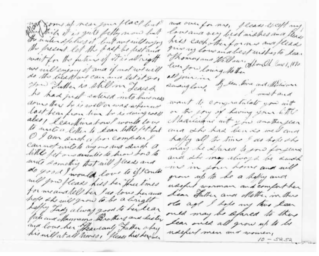
Well I will close hoping this will find you and all well and happy please write and tell us just how you are and if you have every thing ready for the the little stranger I hope you are well, please except love and very best wishes afrom your Mother
all join in sending love and good wishes

Akron O May 25. 1890.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

I will try and write a few lines so you will know I do think of my dearones if we are a good many miles apart I hope these lines may find both well and happy both enjoying each others society and the time passes by quickly on acount of the plesent and interesting talkes with each other how plesent when Husband and Wife can teach and help each other it makes life worth living for ~~and~~ it helpes us to make home plesent and happy for our dear children and all that may be with us and that is a very important part of our lives for what would we do without friends and some one to love us and found to love I am so glad my Cousins have been so happy with each other may they love each other better and better every day and may there lives be spared to see there dear little ones grow up to man and woman hood and see them doing for others as they would like others do for them I do hope they are all well and happy to day dear Marion what a sad sorrowful time the dear child has had I do hope she is well and happy now Tommy and William and dear little Madeline I do hope they all are well and doing well please kiss each other for me and the three dear little folkes you have with you I wish they were with us to day for it seemes a little lonesome as Pa is not at home and it has been a raining all the morning but now it is very warm and pleasant and it makes one want to be out but it is so muddy and wet one can hardly walk out I will be very glad when we will have settled weather Mina you wished to know all about the Wedding I think Maime is a going to tell you all about it as she is writing to now I think I will just say Maime took the prize as she was the nicest one there but all were very nice they say I did not go so I can only tell what I hear it was a very pleasant affair all through. Mina dear you are a going to let little Madaline and the boys come and stay with us this summer any way while you are in bed I think I can do you more good to have them here with me than I can there with you and I would like to do something for you if I can Maime and all of us have been with you so much I would like to do something for you in pay back.



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not come up near your place but this it is quite pretty now but the winter spoiles it but we will enjoy the present let the past be past and wait for the future if it is all right we will enjoy it and if not we will do the best we can and let it go, your Father is still in Texas he had just entered into business down there he is well or was when we last hear from him he is doing well also, dear Mina how I would love to write a letter to dear little pet but O I am such a poor composer I can not write to any one and such a little pet one wanted to know how to write something that will please and do good I would love to if I could will you please kiss her three times for me and tell her I do love her and hope she will grow to be a bright happy Lady alway good to her dear Papa and Mamma, Brothers and Sister and love her Heavenly Father alway his will at all times, please kiss her over

and over for me, please accept my love and very best wishes and please kiss each other for me and please give my love and best wishes to dear Thomas and William, ever your loving Mother all join in sending love,

Stroud Ok June 1, 1890

My dear Alva and Madison

I must and want to congratulate you with on the joy of having your little Madeline with you another year and she has been so well and happy all the time I do hope she may be spared to you for years and she may always be sunshine in your home and will grow up to be a happy and useful woman and comfort her dear Father and Mother in there old age I hope my two dear ones may be spared to there dear ones all grow up to be useful men and women,

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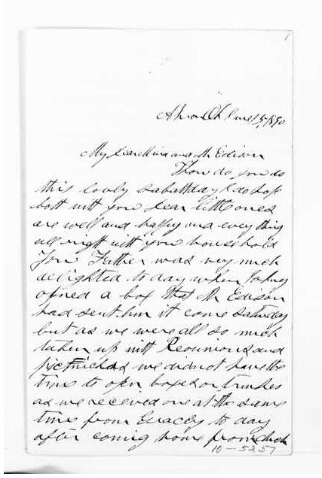
I expect you are having quite a pleasant time with Ira and Cora to day it may be they were there yesterday I hope they were all well and all of you enjoyed each others company I do feel so sorry for Ira and Cora I do hope they can get something that will do little Marget good make her well if that can be done but I am afraid they have let it go to long I was down to Canton last Wendsday to attend Mrs Kitted funeral and I stoped at Robbies little Robbert is just as pretty as he can be not one spot on him clean all over I do hope your little boy will be so to I hope you will have the doctor give you something that will do both of you good I am almost

afraid to come there with you little fellow for fear there is something about me that is not right and I would not be the meanes of doing them wrong in any way for all I know of and more to I would rather never see them. than harm them in any way. This is a lovely sabbath day the birds are full of music and the trees and grass is green all nature is in its glory and O how beautiful O I do wish you and Mr Edison and all your dear ones were here to day to see our Thorn tree it is a beauty you remember it is by the dinning room window I think you will remember it I think it gets better every summer we are very much pleased with our place in the summer though it does



Akron Oh June 15 1890

My dear Mina and Mr Edison
How do you do
this lovely Sabbath day I do hope
both with your dear little ones
are well and happy and every thing
all right with your household
Your Father was very much
delighted to day when Johny
opened a box that Mr Edison
had sent him it come Saturday
but as we were all so much
taken up with Reunions and
picknicks we did not have the
time to open boxes or trunks
as we received one at the same
time from Gracey to day
after coming home from church
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My Darling Mina and Mr Edison

How do you do this lovely Sabbath day I do hope both with your dear little ones are well and happy and every thing all right with your household. Your Father was very much delighted to day when Johny opened a box that Mr Edison had sent him it came Saturday but as we were all so much taken up with Reunions and picnics we did not have the time to open boxes or trunks as we received one at the same time from Gracey to day after coming home from church

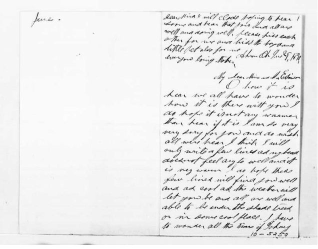
Johny opened the box and presented a very handsome and valuable present to you for he with all of us were very much delighted and thank you and Mr Edison for it very much. This is Childrens day and it has been a perfect day in every way the flowers and every thing was lovely. yesterday was Miller Reunion day and it was a successful day quite a great many there Robbie ~~and~~ and Lories with little Robert come up and took supper with us little pet burned his arm with hot coffie while at the table but not very bad other wise they are and we are all well. yes we have had to lay dear docter under stood a way we

do miss him ~~so~~ very much. Ira is here now he stays a little of the time with us and the other part of the time at Mr Wisers I think he misses Cora and babe very much. I will say good by as Johny wanted to write a few lines but I mention that little pet what a little darling she is I do hope she will keep well and grow to be a lovely woman and a great comfort to her dear Father and Mother kiss his sister and the dear boys and each other for me your ever loving Mother.

Dear Sister,

We opened the box which contained Papa's microscope this afternoon and all is right and we have been looking at one or two things.

Has Mr. Edison perfected
and manufacturing
the loud sounding
adjustment. Could
you send us one, as
we are going to give
an exhibition in a
church the 26 of this
month at Conneaut,
a little place on the
Lake Shore Road, and
if all is convenient
we want to start
from their either the
26 or 27 for Orange.
I wished you would
let us know as soon
as possible.
Well good bye,
John.



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Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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dear Mina I will close hoping to hear soon and hear that you and all are well and doing well. please kiss each other for me and kiss the boys and little pet also for me

ever your loving Mother,

Akron Oh Jne 25, 1890,

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

O how it is hear we all have to wonder how it is there with you I do hope it is not any warmer than hear if it is I am so very very sorry for you and do wish all were hear I think I will only write a few lines as my head doesnot feel any to well and it is very warm I do hope these few lines will find you well and as cool as the weather will let you be and all are well and able to be under the shade trees or in some cool place. I have to wonder all the time if Johney

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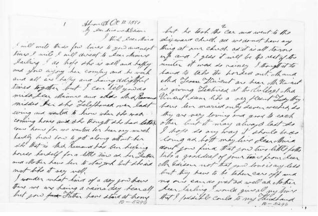
and Theodore are with you and if
they received the Telegram all right
and understood it you [illegible] thinks
it would be very nice for them to
go to Washington as every thing is
in full work they can see just
as much now as any time in the
winter I will be so glad if they do
get there as they have wanted to go
so much. I expect if they are with
you they have told you more about
themselves than I can tell you I am
so glad they had such a good time
with the Phonograph we went out to
see the Elder that they were with and
he said he felt very proud of the boys
and the work they did they had the
respect of all that were around them
they seemed to understand there work
well it cheered me a great deal to
hear such good report of the boys

see if he does not
walk yet.

I feared they would fail and do a
great deal of harm to the Phonograph
business but I am glad it is as it is for
it seemed if two young boys can do
so well older and Experienced men
would do very well Dear Mina when
do you expect dear Gracy with you
and when will she be home with us if
she does not come soon we will
not have very much time to gether as
I will be with you soon that is if
you still think you want me but
darling what good can I do you I have
to wonder all the time, Ida says little
Margret is getting better they think have
saw seen her lately I do hope she will
get well. Lenie was at Canton yesterday
She says they are all well there little
Robbert when they ask him about his
arm he turns it all around and looked
at it himself he seemes to understand
it was burnt and every body wanted to



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1 Akron O. Oc 12 1891
My Dear Mina mrs M Edison
I think Dear Mina

I will write these few lines to you and next times I write I will direct to Dear Mamies Darling I do hope she is well and happy and you enjoy her company and he work and all are happy and having delightful times together but I can tell you do miss Dear Mamie and also Mrs Ramand misses her she Telephoned over last eving and wanted to know when she was coming home and she thought she had better come home for we wanted her hear very much hardly know how to get along without her she that is Mrs Ramand had ben keeping house herself for a little time as her Father and Mother have ben to New york but she did not like it very well,

I wonder what kind of a day you have there we are having a raina day hear all but you ~~fath~~ Father have staid at home

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but he took the car and went to the Sifward church. as we dont have any thing at our church. as it is all torne up and I gess it will be the rest of the winter it was so rainey I thought it to hard to take the horses out. Mr and Mrs Jesse Vincent are hear Mr Vincent is giving Lectures at the Collage Mrs Vincent seam like a very pleasent Lady they have ben maried only seven weeks so they are very loving and good to each other but it may always last so I hope so any way it should be so long as both may live Dear Mina dont you find that you two little petts take a good deal of your time from Dear Mr Edison not that you love is any less but they have to be taken care off and no one can do just as well as Mother Dear Darling I would give all my time that I possible could to my Husband

they nead all we or you can give him
it will do him good alway to have you
come and kiss and sit on his lap
and talk with him tell him something
pleasant and new let dear Marion be
Mother when he is at home I hope he
is feeling better and all are well pa
says little Charles can laugh and
talk every thing he says he is sis
mouthed old lady he thinks you have two
very bright and beautiful little ones but
the babe out goes all the others babes
I do hope they may be spared to you and
you may live to rais them and every
thing may be as you like.
I think I will try and write a few lines
to Thomas and William to day I am so
glad they like there school I hope they will
make good and smart men and I think
they will please give them my love and best
wishes when you write to them and also to

dear Marion tell her I often and often
think of her and would write if I was a
better writer composer and speller but
all to gether makes me feel ashamed to
try to write even to my dear darling
children it is only through love that
I write to them, your Father arrived home
Friday noon he enjoyed his stay at
your home very much he thinks every thing
lovely he also says Mr Cohen has stoped
smoking why did he do that for I hope he
can let it alone as long as he may live
and he may be as well as any one can be
and he may live for years to ~~come~~ come
how is uncle pit I hope he is better,
Well darling I think I had better stop but
before I do I must ask how dear Gracy
was when she left and if she started in
time to get at school in the right time I had
one letter from her while she was at Aunt Abbie's
she was well there Lin had not come home

yet but it may be he is with you I have not had a word from him I expect he is having a good time where ever he may be, Dear Mina if you have any old dress that you think Mary can wear I wish you would please send it to her but darling I dont want you to do so if you have some other place to send your things to. Pa says Alean is with you yet I am glad for she can fix up so may things and keep evey thing in good order now as you and Mamie are taking care of the little kids, I will stop for a little while so good by ever your loving

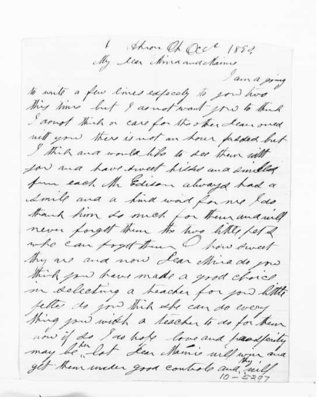
Mother.

Well dinner is over and I have listened a while at the Phonograph but I think I will close this letter now and let the rest listen a little longer Mr and Mrs Vincent and Mr Cornac think it is the best they ever heard they are very much pleased with it. Well darling I want to write

a little to the boys so I will close
this by asking you to please except
my love and very best wishes and please
kiss all the dear ones for me and tell
them I love them. I hope all are well
and happy I will write to dear
Mamie next time ever
your loving sister

P.S. I have sent those things you
gave Mamie for Aunt Lucy's boys
I do thank you very much for them

Put curtains on beds today-
tomorrow take down & brush
curtains in D. R. & R. R.
Thurs. Mrs. G. & L. in D. R. & R. R.



1 Akron Oh Oct 1890
My dear Mina and Mamie

I am a going to write a few lines especialy to you two this time but I donot want you to think I donot think or care for the other dear ones with you there is not an hour passed but I think and would like to see them with you and have sweet kisses and smiles from each Mr Edison always had a smile and a kind word for me I do thank him so much for them and will never forgett them the two little pets who can forgett them O how sweet they are and now dear Mina do you think you have made a good choice in selecting a teacher for your little pettes do you think she can do every thing you wish a teacher to do for them now if so I do hope love and prosperity may be her lot dear Mamie will win and get them under good controle and they will
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1 Akron Oh Oct 1884
My dear Mina and Mamie

I am a going to write a few lines espacaly to you two this time but I do not want you to think I donot think or care for the other dear ones with you there is not an hour passed but I think and would like to see them with you and have sweet kisses and smiles from each Mr Edison always had a smile and a kind word for me I do thank him so much for them and will never forgett them the two little pets who can forgett them O how sweet they are and now dear Mina do you think you have made a good choice in selecting a teacher for your little pettes do you think she can do every thing you wish a teacher to do for them now if so I do hope love and prosperity may be her lot dear Mamie will win and get them under good controle and they will

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love and respect both there dear Mother and Auntie I have to wonder if it will be the best thing all around I hope it may be such. Dear little ones need love kind words and acts with corectnes more than any thing else they are to young to sit down and study or learn a lesson they have to learn from every day talk and actions let them learn how to live every day and when a little older take there books and lessons every thing will be well then.

Dear Maria if dear Minnie could stay with you this winter I do hope both will have a happy time to gether any will read and sew with each other and dress and take care of your little charge with contentment and pleasure. I hope my dear ones will not forget there poor Mother but will find a little time for her so I may know just how every thing is moving along I do hope

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grand success may be yours this winter and all through life kiss the two little lambs for me and tell them I do love them and so want to see them kiss Mr Edison also and tell him I want to see him also.—

I am afraid Leaine has made fals reports about me since she was hear I am sorry for it but I will only say I am not working any more and I do not want you to wory one moment a bout me I never did work to hurt me and now in my old age I hardly think it will pay to comence so donot think of me a working we have a chamba maid she is Swed and cannot talk any english but we think she will learn very fast she has learned a good deal all ready and she has ben with us one week only she seems very willing and ready to do any thing we can get her to understand what have you done with poor Alene poor girl she did love you and I think she wanted to do all she could but you new more about her than I did I do hope if she is with you she is all right and you are haing good times

witt her, and she witt you and Maime
and little Madaleine she will be a grate
help for you this winter I think,
Dear Mina and Maime I am so glad
you have taken such good care of
your dear Father while witt you I do hope
his knee is better I tryed to take care of
it but he would not keep still ay time
did he tell you I wouldnt bat it
for him one nigt after midnigtt
he had ben out all day and up to that
time and I said I dianot see any use
in trying to do any thing for it if he would
not try to do somethg for it himself we
left the bandage off then he just used
the Liment had he tolde you any thing a
bout it I expect not. but I do hope he
will try and be more carful of it how is
Docter Chadbourn knee I hope you pa
will see him and get someth for himself
I do hope he is better than when he left home

if he is with you please tell him I love
him and hope he will come home soon
it is very lovely here now Gracy and
Lina gone to day for dinner was only
Louise Johnny and Theodore and my
self just think of it. I am so glad your dear
Father could go to Washington it pleased
Gracy so much when she heard he could
I am sorry dear Maime is not with
them also I hope you all will have
a good time when you do meet Gracy
did miss Maime so much but felt that
it was all right if she was helping dear
Mina any I think a great deal of dear
Gracy and do hope she will have a good
time this winter, Well dear daughters I have
covered a lot of paper and have not
said all I wanted to yet and that is not
all I am afraid I cannot say all or what
I aught to say O if I could only write
as I would like to

P S I will try and write to morrow or
next day any way please accept my
love and very best wishes ever your loving
Mother

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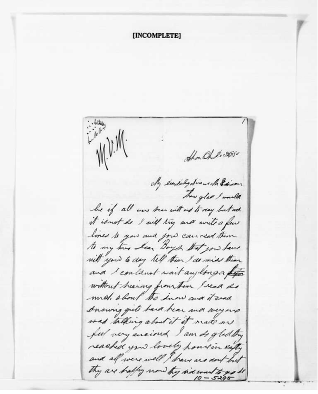
We have been wondering why it would not be best for dear Mamie to have a few things sent to her rather than come home for such a short time it seems like she would be on the road most of the time but I donot want you to think we donot want you to come home for all of us do want you to come and stay if you think it best we want you to do just what you would like the best and you would feel the most contented we want you to have a good and happy time this winter now darling do just what you would like come home and get your few things your self or we will send what you may want but we want you and dear Mia to come just as soon as you can I will be a lonesome winter hear without you dear Mamie but if we want to do good we have to denie our selves a good deal, I think I had better stop ever your loving Mother kiss each other and the little fellow

from me. 10-5297

P S Eddie sendes love
also Mr Mavin



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Recipient

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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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birthday for Father

M.V.M.

Akron Oh Dec 24 1890

My dear darling Mina and Mr Edison

How glad I would be if all were here with us to day but as it is not so I will try and write a few lines to you and you can read them to my two dear Boys that you have with you to day tell them I do miss them and I couldnot wait any longer ~~for~~ without hearing from them I read so much about the snow and it was snowing quite hard here and every one was talking about it it made me feel very ancious I am so glad they reached your lovely home in safty and all were well I have no dout but they are happy now they did want to go so

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much befor Christmass but we haw at home were to selfish to let them go some Gracey after says she wishes they were hear now I do hope they will be good boys and not make you any more trouble thean thy can help dear Mina you must feel very Motherly now having so may youths with you and so may larg boys it must seem very strange to you what does Mr Edison think of such a famaly I have no doubt but he enjoyes seeing them if he cannot hear all thy say I hope dear Thomas and William are both well and happy and both are glad thy are at home with ther dear Father Mother and sister and little Brother what do thy think of their little sister and Brother at this time

I hope thy love them and are glad to be with them I hope you will let both of the boys come home with Johny and Theodore and stay until Gracey goes to her school or longer if thy can I want to see them and I think it would please them to come home with the boys what do you think of cousin George I expect he seemed like a man with the others I have no doubt but he is enjoying himself as much as the others just think five young men with you to day and the best of all is the dear little pet that is in the cradal and in your armes O how sweet he is little darling how glad I would be if I could have a sweet kiss from his sweet little lips now and that little darling Madeleine how sweet she is it takes languis to tell about

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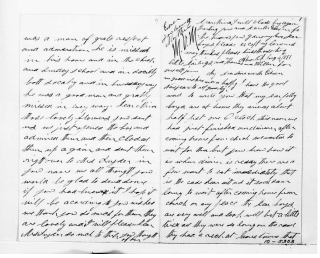
Dec.

her and little Charlie there is hardly
an hour passes but she has some
little cute saying or act to speak about
and tell us she thikes you aught to
be a very happy Woman such a lovely
home and kind Husband and two
such sweet little ones I do hope my
darling is happy I am sure she is if
she is well, We had quite a pleasant
Christmass but we all missed all
of you so much it took off a good deal
of the pleasure we would have had if you
had been with us we missed you in every
thing but I hope you had a good
time with your dear little famaly,
We have Miss Phillips from Canton
and Miss Wick from Youngstown
with us to day they came to attend the
party at Mr Congers Miss Wick and



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was a man of grate respect and admiration he is missed in his home and in the church and Sunday school and in society both socialy and in business way he was a good man and gratly missed in every way. Dear Mina those lovely flowers you sent us we just opened the box and admired them and then closed them up again and sent them right over to Mrs Snyder in your name we all thought you would be glad to send some if you had known it I hope it will be acording to your wishes we thank you so much for them they are lovely and it will please dear Mrs Snyder so much to think you thought of her

Dear Mina I will close by again thanking you and dear Mr Edison for the kindness you gave my two dear boys please except my love and many thanks please kiss those two little darlings and Thomas and William for me all join

Akron O. Jan 4th/1891

My dear Mina and Mr Edison in good wishes for a happy New year to all yours. I have the good word to write you that my dear pretty boys are at home they arrived about half past one O clock this noon we had just finished our dinner after coming home from church we wanted to wait for them but you know how it is when dinner is ready there are a few want to eat immediately that is the case dear with us it seems so long to wait after coming home from church or any place the dear boys are very well and look well but a little tired as they were so long on the road they had a wreck at James town that

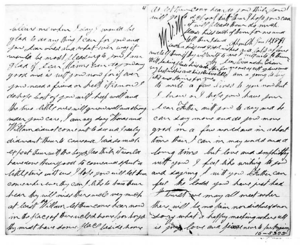
Ever your loving Mother
M. V. M.

caused the delay there was no harm done in the reck but the loss of time. My dear I donot know how to expres my thankes to you and dear Mr Edison for the happy and useful time my dear boys have had with you and for so many kind acts and things you have done for them I am very sorry dear Thomas and William did not come home with the boys I did expect them as much as I expected John and Theodore please kiss them for me and tell them I am very sorry they are not with us and I cannot talk with them I do hope to see them as soone as their sumer vacation commences they will stay with us all the sumer I am very gladd to hear such good report from them Thomas especly William will soon catch

up if he will keep at hard work work is what has to be done befor grate things can be acomplished,

dear Mina and Mr Edison please except my thankes for your kindness to dear John and Theodore please let me do some little thing for you and yours.

dear Mina this has been a sad and yet a plesent day for a grate many of us this morning in Sunday School it was promotion day and also Memoral day as it was a plesant and sad day for all I expect you have befor this heard Mr Snyder died last Monday and to day was Memeroal services in honer of him it was very impresive I asure you there were not many dry eyes among the older church and Sunday school members Mr Snyder



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believe me when I say I would be
glad to do any thing I can for you and
your dear ones and what ever way it
would be most pleasing to you I am
glad if dear Mamie can do you any
good and is with you now for if ever
you need a friend or help it is now I
do hope both of you will keep well and
the two little ones will grow well and strong
under your care, I am vey sory Thomas and
William did not come out to see us I realy
did want them to come and I did so much
expect them with the boys I do think it would
have done them good to come and spent a
little time with us I hope you will let them
come when ever they can I like to have them
hear they will miss there uncle vey much
at least William let them come hear now
in the place of there uncles home poor boys
they must have some place beside home

so let them come hear to you think you
will go to school with them I hope you can
it will please them so much.
please kiss each of them for me and
tell them I send each a kiss and good wishes and lots of love
and tell them if they will write to me I will write to them
Well darling please kiss each other for me and accept my love and
very best wishes and kiss the two little ones and Mamie for me

W. V. M.

Akron Oh Jan 18 1891

My dear Nina and Mr Robison

I am a going to try
to write a few lines to you now but
I know or I hope you have your
dear Father with you to day and he
can say more and do you more
good in a few words and in a short
time than I can in many words and a
long time but love and sympathy
with you I feel like writing to you
and saying I with you Father can
feel the loss you have just had
I trust we may all meet where
there will be no pain nor sickness nor
sorry what a happy meeting where all
is joy love and peace never to part again

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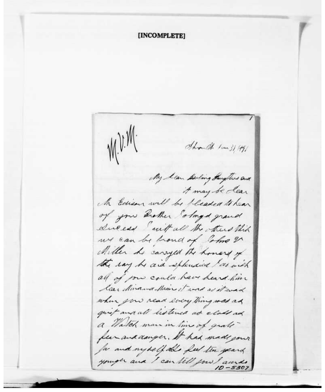
I received a lovely letter from dear Mamie this day ~~on~~ evening we come home from laying dear Brother and uncle Abraham Miller in his silent grave it was a sad task and we all miss the dear lovely one but we hope to meet him where we shall never part.

Dear Mamie tolde me she was staying with you dear little fellds while you and dear Mr Carsen was taking the last look. and doing the last kind act. to you dear Brother she tolde me that dear little Charles was not well and was loosing flesh she wished I was there now my dear how glad I would be to be there with you if I could do one thing better than you and the dear ones

that are with you my dear I fear I cannot I feel as though I could do better here if I can do anything anywhere if you and all would come here I would be so glad so come and let us see what we can do while you are away with Thomas and William let Mamie and Helen come here with the two little fellds and you come as soon as you can doctor Jacobs says he can raise any babe on cows milk but it has to be fixed right we can get a doctor so much easier here and I think it would be easier for you to be here for we would be down stairs and can get to the kitchen oftner I do hope dear little Charles and little darling Madeline are both well and growing fast it is very unpleasant to start out with dear little ones but if it is the best for them we ought to do it I know you will wonder if it is for the best I think I can do more if I had them here with me I cannot say how you feel in that regard I want to do all I can and wherever I can I ask you to come here for that reason but lasting



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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

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M.V.M.

Akron Oh Jan 31, 1891

My dear Darling Daughter and
it may be dear
Mr Edison will be pleased to hear of your Brother Johns grand success & with all the others think we can be proud of John V Miller he carryed the honors of the day he did splendid I do wish all of you could have heard him dear Mina and Marie it was as it was when you read every thing was as quiet and all listened as close as a Watch man in time of great fear and danger. It has made your pa and myself also feel ten years younger and I can tell you I am so

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your Father feeles so happy for I and all of us have felt worryed and have ben living in fear of your Fathers feelingels and his anxiety over money matters we felt so fraid he would have to give up in distress but O I am so glad to see dear pa feel better as to know dear Johney did so well my dear girles you may know I feel good this morning the sun beames are filling my heart this morning if it is rainy and dark outdoors it does seem cheerful and bright in the house, I wish you could see the Table in the Library it is stacked up with bookes and presentes of verious kinds several beautiful notes of Congratulations dear Johny thankes you dear Alina for your very nice and usefull present and dear Mamie you know

he has thanked you all ready and he thankes you now a gain. we will send you the paper as soon as it is ready so you can read what is said in it. Now it may be I have said enough for the present fear the paper will not think as I do and then you will be in a bad fix you without know which to believe so I will stop about that suffice and tell you what the boys that is Johney and Theodore are doing now, Mamie you know how they have the Attic fixed now they are putting lightes all around the front looking you remember how it is do you not if you do you will know it will be very pretty they are busy all the spare time they have from their books with the lights and they are doing well at least all say so there is a young man at work at the Rubber workes he has ben up two or three times

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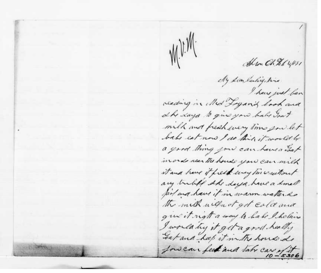
Jan -

to see and help the boys he is very much pleased with their work and he had a good deal of sport with the boys. he is one of Mr Edisons men from Cohoes. Dear Mina you did not tell me much if any thing about those two little pets you have in your last letter now I always want to know just how they are and if they grow sweeter every day please kiss both over and over for me and tell them I love them and do hope they are well and having good times with their Papa and Mamma and baby. I am sorry dear Thomas felt so lonely but it shows he loves home for that I am glad I do hope both are well and happy now and will love their school if they cannot go until Easter I think Thomas will feel better when Johney is there please give both my love and best wishes I will write to them soon. Eddie had



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Title
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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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M.V.M.

Akron Oh Feb 4/1891

My dear Lady, Mrs.

I have just ben reading in Mrs Logan's book and she says to give you babe Goat milk and fresh every time you let babe eat now I do think it would be a good thing you can have a Goat in or near the house you can milk it and have it fresh every time without any truble she says have a small pail and have it in warm watter so the milk will not get cold and give it rigt a way to babe I believe I would try it get a good healthy Goat and keep it in the house so you can feed and take care of it

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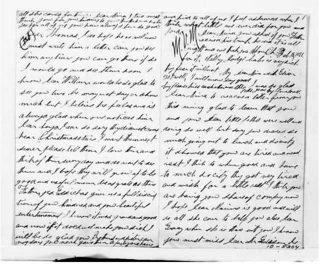
you solved I do believe it would be better for dear little Charles and also for dear little Madeline they all say Jersey cows are not good for babies. Have you Mrs Logans book that is the Home Manual it is a good book I will send and if you do not want to buy one mine was three dollars but you can get them cheaper if you want to and get a cook book and weekly papers with it it may be you have it all ready I think Mame will remember it. it is a good book in a good many ways. Well darling how do you all do at this time I hope you had a grand good time at your party and you are asked ~~of~~

I am very glad you had Mame Mrs Stanly with you I do think it is so pleasant to have such fine folkes with you it helpes you in so many ways we would like to have them with us but we are so black and dirty I feel ashamed to see any one come to the house we heard today that they were a going to be longer but dont know how true it is, I just had a letter from dear Gracy she is well and having a good time we are all well now Laura is better, went down town this afternoon, I do hope you and your little fellows are better yes well as well can be I expect you are having quite a time with your Brother and sister then I do hope they will stay and be good children please except my love and best wishes and a ~~[illegible]~~ kiss the two little fellows for me and to Lancets

Elsie Maine and dear Mr Eatison rest at home please give him my love when he comes home. Your ever loving Mother



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Title
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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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all she could for them. Dear Mina I too must
thank you for your kindness to your brother and sister
for all of us you have always been so good

(Feb) Dear Thomas I do hope he is well now
I must write him a letter can you see
him any time you can go there if so
I would go and see them soon I
know dear William would be so glad to
see you two he may not say or show
much but I believe he feels and is
always glad when one notices him
dear boys I am so sorry they did not come
here Christmas this I want them next
dinner please tell them I love them and
think of them every day and do want to see
them and I hope they will grow up to be
good and useful men be as great as their
Father. Ed Eddie has given us a full discrip
tion of your kindness and your beautiful
entertainment I know it was grand and good
and now if it does not make you sick I
will be so glad your Brother and Sister can
not say you never gave them a party and have

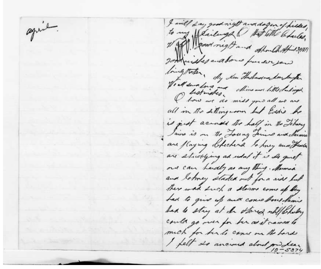
and kind to all of us I feel ashamed when I
think what little we ever did for you and
yours. Dear Mina you asked if your Father
received his trunk he did it is all
right and we thank you so much Feb 18 1881.
for it. Nelly Dodge babe is very sick.
very fear it will not get well, My dear Mina wish Edison
I will now say good
by please kiss each other and the little pets, good by lovingly. M. V. M.

I was so glad
Dear Mina to receive a letter from you
this morning glad to learn that you
and your dear little pets were well and
doing so well but sorry you dreaded so
much going out to lunch and society
it shows that you are tired and need
rest I think so when good and have
so much society they get very tired
and wish for a little rest I think you
are having your share of company now
I hope dear Mamie is good and will
do all she can to help you also dear
Grace when she is there with you I know
you must miss dear Mr Edison he

P S I will write to dear Maime next time

he is away so much I hope he is at home now and both are well and happy together O how pleasant and good it is to have some dear one to love and cheer you dear Mina you dont know how much I wish I was a strong and lovely woman it seems to me I never wished it so much as I do now your dear Father wishes so much for some one of that kind now while the times are so hard and he hardly knows what to do I think he misses dear uncle Jacob also uncle Ab but uncle Jacob the most as he or they were in business so together I do feel so sorry for your Father he feels so cast down and sad I wish you would write a cheery and strong letter to him I do feel my weakness so much I can neither say or do any thing

that is worth while. I just returned home last evening from Canton I had a very pleasant and good visit with Robbie and Louise and little Son he is a very bright and lovely babe he can walk any place and tryes to say every thing he heard me say he is very pretty his eyes are so dark. and bright. how glad I will be when they are here together next summer I mean dear little Charles and Son and dear little Madaleine O how glad I would be to see both now dear little pets how much company they are for you and every one that may be with you please kiss both over and over for me what a shame dear Maime had such bad luck and dear little Madaleine had to share the affliction to I do hope they are both entirely free of them now and both glad and happy I cannot see how it happens



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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Miller, Lewis
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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April.

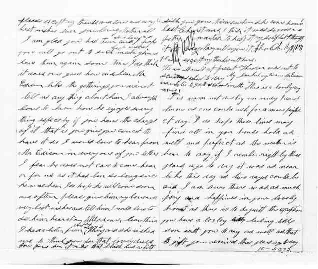
I will say good night and dozen of kisses, to my darlings O that little Charles, W.F.M. good night and good wishes and love from ever your loving Mother.

Afton Ch. April 30/1891

My dear Husband and dear daughter
We all send love and best wishes. Mina and little Darlings

O how we do miss you all we are all in the sitting room but Eddie he is just across the hall in the library Jaine is on the Young Lenie and Mamie are playing Checkers Johney and Jeddie are studying as usual it is so quiet one can hardly do any thing. Mamma and Johney started out for a ride but there was such a storm come up they had to give up and come home. Mamie had to stay at the stores until Charley could go over for her as it rained to much for her to come on the boards I felt so ancious about you dear ned on the ~~F~~ train I hardly thought off Mamie and Tommy I do hope you were all safe and arrived home in dear time safe and sound. I do hope you fond every thing in fine order and you will have nothing to do but rest and gett to feeling strong and contented and I hope you will have time every day to kiss those dear little Lambs over and over every day for me please give my love and very best wishes ~~from~~ to dear Mr Edison and tell him I and all of us want him to come and see us I do hope you will find your dear Husband and lover well and happy in the best of spirits I do hope these few lines will find you in better spirits and your help is all right and in there places,

Please write to me just as soon as convient and tell me all the news and every thing you would like me to know I did enjoy your short stay with us very much now please believe me for I do mean what I say. I do hope you and your Pa with Mr Edison will have a pleasant and proffettble Sunday and time to gether I do hope your Pa will keep well and happy. Darling if you miss any thing please let us know and I will send it just as soon as I can, Please tell Pa I have found Johnys Normal Class book and Herder Easy so see or they are all right in that line now, Well Darling I will close as it is near bed time but I and all of miss you all so much I fear it will take a little time to get to sleep Johney is a going to sleep with me to night



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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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please except my thanks and love and very
best wishes ever your loving Mother all

I am glad you had them and some long and I hope best wishes
you will go out to such meetings and
have them again some time I do think
it does one good how did dear Mr
Edison like the gatherings you didnot
tell us any thing about him I always
love to know how he enjoys every
thing especely if you have the charge
of it that is you give your concert to
have it so I would love to hear from
Mr Edison in every one of your letters
I fear he does not care to come hear
or for us as it has ben so long since
he was hear I do hope he will come soon
and often please give him my love and
very best wishes and tell him I would love to
see him hear at our little home, dear Mina
I had a letter from Aunt Lizzy Mary and she wished
me to thank you for that lovely dress
you gave her it was that black and white
silk you gave Mame when she come home
last Christmas I think it was so good and
pretty [illegible] wanted to keep it my self but I thought
it [illegible] days Mary will enjoy it [illegible]
please except my thanks with hers.

We are all well at present Theodore was out to
Scuitnate school to day My dear darling Mina and Mr Edison
and wrote to get school in the
morning. This is a lovely day
It is warm not dusty nor muddy I donot
know as one could ask for a more perfe-
ct day. I do hope these lines may
find all in your house hold as
well and perfect as the weather is
hear to day if I rember right by three
years ago to day it was as near
like this day as two days could be
and I am sure there was as much
joy and happiness in your lovely
home as there is to day with the exception
you have a lovley ~~little~~ darling little
son with you to day as well as that
gift you received three years ago to day

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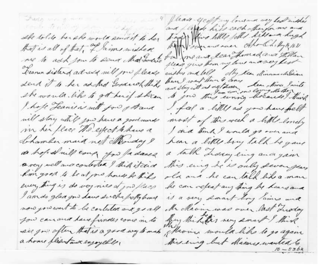
my darling I do trust you may be so happy as to see both your dear little daughter and son grow up to be good useful and you and dear Edison may always be glad you had two such lovely children I do trust they may do a great deal of good and a be a comfort to their dear Parents how very glad I would be to see those two little pets now at this time how I would love and kiss them I fear dear little Madeline did not enjoy her visit with us she not being well and so maybe her not well it spoiled all the pleasure for her and she never will want to come to Akron again I am so very sorry it was as it was but my dear we did not know how to help it so the only thing you can do is to come again and try it over

I do hope you all will come this summer while it is so warm at Orange. I am so very glad you like your help and dear little Charles nurse loves him and is good and ready to do anything and every thing for him do it because she loves him dear little pet I hope Miss Coulston and little Madeline are having good times with each other and learning fast I am so glad neither of them were hurt seriously when thrown out of the buggy please kiss dear little Madeline over and over for me and tell her I hope she will not forget me and she will come and see me soon, I am so very glad my darling had such a delightful time with both of the gatherings at your home you must have been very tired but now it is over and you are about rested you feel glad you could have them with you



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Recipient

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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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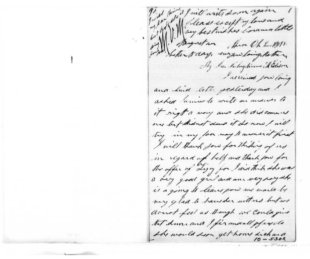
she told her she would send it to her
that is all of that, of Jaims wished
me to ask you to send Mrs Goodrich
Jeanna sisters adress will you please
send it to her as Mrs Goodrich thinks
she would like to get her if she can
I hope Jeanie is with you yet and
will stay until you have a good nurse
in her place We expect to have a
Chamber maid next Monday I
do hope she will come, you Pa came
a very well and contented I think it did
him good to be at your house he thinks
every thing is so very nice at your place
I am so glad you have such a pretty home
now you want to be contented and go all
you can and have friends come in to
see you often that is a good way to make
a home pleasant and enjoyable,

please accept my love and very best wishes
and please kiss each other for me and
those two little folks kiss and hug
them over and over Ahn Ch. May 14, 1871
for me and dear Thomas and William
please give them my love and very best
wishes and tell My dear Minnie McEwan
them I want them to come
and stay with us next summer Dear Mina I write
I am ever your loving Mother
M. V. M.
to you this evening because I think
I feel a little as you have felt
most of this week a little lonely
I did think I would go over and
hear a little boy talk he gave
a talk Friday eving and again
this eving he is only seven years
old and he can talk like a man
he can repeat any thing he hears and
is a very smart boy Lewis and
Mr Marvin was over last Friday
they think he is very smart I think
Mr Marvin would like to go again
this eving but Maimee wanted to

play Thelma so he and Jamie
and Eddie and Mamie are sitting
around the little Tables playing
your Pa and Johny and Theoder
have gone to the Lecture or to
hear the little boy Preacher is at
Mrs Thayns I donot know whether
he will go or not I would like
to hear and see him very much.
I was over to see Mrs Lynder
this afternoon Amos is very sick
yet Mrs Longan is very sick
also Stanley Sibbering is better
there is a great many sick. I do hope
those two little folks are both well
and you are well also dear little Edison
he must be tired traveling so much
and he does not like so it makes it hard
for him I do hope you will have

a good time with your gatherings it
must be very hard work for you
and you must be very tired but I think
your being alone that is not any of us
being with you your Friends will come
in and help you and it will be more
plesent all around I think that will
be a very good way for you to get
acquainted with the Ladys I do hope they
will help you in every way they can, I hope
your help will be very kind and good and
they will do all they can for you I do hope you
will not worry in the least over any thing but have
a good time. has Miss Cousten come to you
and does she seem to be well and contented and
have you a good nurse for dear little Charles
I do hope so and he is well and strong has
he any teeth yet. That feather was off from
Alines hat Mamie found it at the Station



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Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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P.S.
I missed Mamie
my dear
but hope she is
doing
you good.

I will write soon again
please except my love and
very best wishes Lorana & little
Margaret are
better to day. ever your loving Mother,
M. V. M.

Akron Oh June 11/91.

My Dear Darling Minna Th Edison

I received your loving and kind letter yesterday and I asked Jennie to write an answer to it right a way and she did commence one but didnot send it so now I will try in my poor way to answer it first I will thank you for thinking of us in regard of help and thank you for the offer of Lizzy for I did think she was a very good girl and am very sorry she is a going to leave you we would be very glad to have her with us but we donot feel as though we could give that sum and I fear and all of us do she would soon get home sick and

and would not like it at all here
it is so very different from your lovely
home I fear she never will find a
better place but it is better for you
to let her go if she is not contented.
Dear Mina I feel sorry for you and
Mr Edison, your dear Father and I
have the same troubles and anxiety
it is very hard times with all money money
is the cry all over the land all I can
of is how we can quiet down and be
contented that is what we will have to
do and how shall we do it this is the question
now shall we just settle down and
stay at home and do our own work
and let others suffer for the want of
money or shall we keep help and do
with less dress and luxurious we will
have to do one or the other for a while it
will not be long times will soon change
for the better keep up good courage and

do not worry in the least for that will
make it harder for dear Mr Edison let
us both try and help our dear Husbands
for they are both good and will do all they
can for both ourselves and Family.
Your pa and Eddie arrived home this
moring from Chicago they will leave Ira
and all of us are feeling a little broken
up on acount of the failure of the
Combination it has all fell through
with and we will have to go to our old
work again some are glad and others
are sorry here in little Akron to day,
I expect you have dear Mamie with you
to day she is a good comforter and
condoler I think so I am glad she is
with you I hope she will be a true sister
and help both in kind and useful words
and in acts of kindness I do hope she is
well and arrived in due time at you place
and she found all well and glad to see her
she will tell you every thing about home so
I will close as I want to write a few lines
to dear Gracy she was not a bit well
when she left us I feel anxious about her,
please kiss each other for me and kiss the
two little pets and boys and [illegible] for me

Thes little flowers are for dear
little Madeline I donot know what
they are but they look so pretty
growing I think they must be something
good they must have a good meaning

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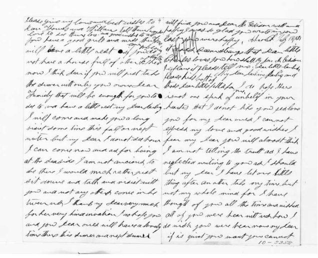

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Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

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- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
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Please give my love and best wishes to 4
dear Thomas and William tell them I would
love to see them love and good wishes to all
you have a good girl and nurse they
can you so long
will have a little rest if you do
not have a house full of other ladies
now I think dear if you will just take
the summer with only your own dear
Family that will be enough for you to
see to and have a little rest my dear darling
I will come and make you a long
visit some time this fall or next
winter but my dear I donot see how
I can come now and as for being
at the seaside I am not anxious to
be there I would much rather just
sit down and talk and visit with
you and not any others come in be
tween us I thank my dear very much
for her very kind invitation I do hope you
and your dear ones will have a lovely
time there this summer and next summer

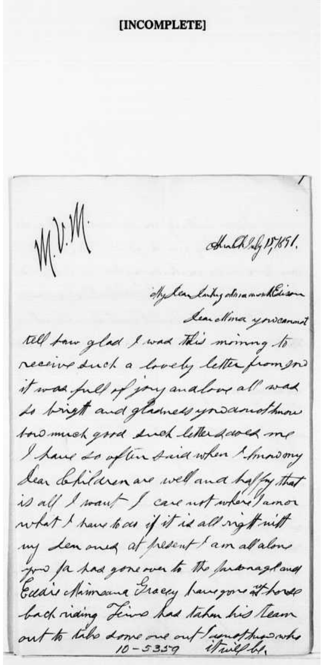
will find you and dear Mr Edison well and
happy I was so glad you wrote in your
last you were happy, Ansd July 12/81
it ~~seemed~~ seems strange that dear little
Charles loves you how shall my dear Mr Edison
explane it please tell me. dear little lambs,
please kiss both of My dear darling darling and
those dear little pets for me I do hope there
is not one spark of unbelief in your
hearts that I donot like you feel love
you for my dear ones I cannot
express my love and good wishes I
fear my dear you will almost think
I am not telling the truth as I have
neglected writing to you as I should
but my dear I have let one little
thing after another take my time but
not my whole mind for I have
thought of you all the time and wished
all of you were hear with us how I
do wish you were hear now my dear
if is quiet you want you cannot

please eccept love and best wishes for Father and Mother and all
the Brothers and sisters. I am ever your loving Mother, good by.

find a more quit place than Oak place but we have just ben haing a noisey or I aught to say lively time as dear Robbie and Louis with Mr Igo and Miss Knight and Miss Easton and the two babes and a nurse girl but they were only hear one night it did seem to bad that they should go home this evening it seemed that we ~~had~~ were just ready for them when they left us. I think Louisa had as much if not more truble than you as I am sure she had with her girles she had a house full and no girles these girles are a grate neceary evil they do truble us so much and we cannot get along with out them my dear if I were in your place I would not wory over my girles you

have so may you can take one to do just as you want her and let her help you keep the others right I can hear you say how easy to talk or write that but it is another thing to do it my dear I cannot advice on that subjected nor in fact in any other thing as I am a poor calculator dear Minnie and Gay think if I would go and help you a little about the girles but I say no I cannot take care of our owne I wish I could help you in some way but I dont know how Gracy thikes you are very tired and aught to have rest and I think so to but I fear there will not be very much rest at the Sea side you will have the care of the little folkes in every way and as long as you have them with you you cannot rest very much. but if

Chautauqua
all of you will come the ~~Chtaqua~~ next
Sumer I want you pa to build a larg
cottage there and you all come there
every sumer the boys can take lessons
and it will not be so hard for you but
you can have them when you want them
I hope we can be to gether all next summer
I am sory Thomas and William can not
be with us this sumer but I was afraid
they would get homesick without the boys
and they thought they had to study this year
and would not be much company for any
one you pa says they feel a little lonely
there in the Cottage or Tent alone they want
me to come and stay with them but Mamie
and Gracy want to stay at home so I think
I must stay with them but I may go a little
while with the boys. I fear too that your
pa is not as well as he should be but he says
he is well and keeps at work all the time
but I hope he will soon feel better when he
had a little rest. I do hope these lines



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M.V.M.

Chaut July 15/1891.

My dear darling Mina and Edison

Dear Mina you cannot tell how glad I was this morning to receive such a lovely letter from you it was full of joy and love all was so bright and gladness you cannot know how much good such letters does me I have so often said when I know my dear children are well and happy that is all I want I care not where I am or what I have to do if it is all right with my dear ones at present I am all alone your pa had gone over to the parsonage and Eddie Mimma & Gracey have gone at horse back riding Jim has taken his team out to take some one out I know not who it will be.

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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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M.V.M.

Akron July 15, 1891.

My dear lovely Mina and Edison

Dear Mina you cannot tell how glad I was this morning to receive such a lovely letter from you it was full of joy and love all was so bright and gladness you cannot know how much good such letters does me I have so often said when I know my dear Children are well and happy that is all I want I care not where I am or what I have to do if it is all right with my dear ones at present I am all alone your pa has gone over to the parsonage and Eddie Mim and Gracy have gone at horse back riding Lewis has taken his team out to take some one out I do not know who it will be.

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now I have nothing in the least to hinder me from writing you a good letter only my poor mind or knowing how to but you know all this so I will not bother you any more with such stuff, but will rejoice with you and try to help cheer and make glad you he told us about your Telegram telling him of dear Mr Edisons good luck I am so glad for both of you now my dear with you dear Darlings little pets and everything eles I hope you will continue to feel as at present let little things go but you will say I can not well darling that is a fact it is the little things that make the trouble I will tell you how I know that this evening when I commenced this letter I was all alone and thought I would have just a long time by myself and I could write just what I wanted and as long as I

wanted to but you see before I had gone very far untill Mr Marvin come in and then I had to stop and he had not been here very long before Eddie Mamie and Gracy come in from their horseback ride and that caused such a stir I thought I would have to stop altogether now that was a little thing but it caused me to stop and I fear from telling a many things I did think of tell you when I commenced this but as I donot think it will make much difference with you if I donot write all I will go on and do the best I can. The three are in the sitting room with me Eddie and Mamie reading Gracy mending her clothes that have just been done up so they all keep very quiet they are all very tired at least they say so I donot think they enjoyed their ride very much or it would not make them so tired, Those little pets what would you do without them I think you prize them rightly for I donot

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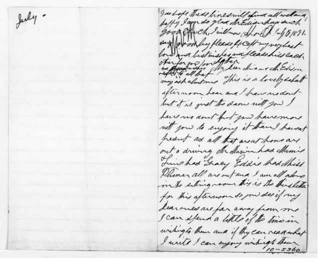
Gold would buy them little darlings. O how often I wish I had them in my armes and could kiss and hugh them over and over you dont blame me for loving my darlings so you one cannot tell how sweet they are untill they have of there owne. Mrs Roddin Mrs Ramond and Miss Ramond with her nurse were in hear this moring they were all well and Mary seemed as happy and proud of her little one as any other Mother I think they all feel very fond of there babe Mrs Roddin is Great Grand Mother and is as proud of the babe as Mary her self. dear Amanda when are you a going to have some more of dear little Charles picture I do want another one he is so petty also dear little Maddie please kiss and hugh them over and over for me every day dear Thomas and Willie please kiss them for me and tell them I do hope they will come and see me before they go back to school I would love so much to see them I expect they and Johny and Theodor will have grand times this next winter [illegible]



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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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I do hope these lines will find all well and
happy I am so glad Mr Edison had such
good luck. I will now close Akron O July 15/1891.
my good by please accept my very best
love and best wishes and please kiss each
other for your poor Mother
and ~~good~~ wishes My dear Mina and Mr Edison
respect to all that
may ask about me This is a lovely sabbath
afternoon hear and I have no dout
but it is just the same with you I
have no dout but you have more
with you to enjoy it than I have at
present as all that are at home are
out a driving Mr Marvin had Mamie
& Lewis had Gracy Eddie had Miss
Plumer all are out and I am all alone
in the sitting room this is the third letter
for this afternoon so you see if my
dear ones are far away from me
I can spend a little of the time in
writing to them and if they can read what
I write I can enjoy writing to them

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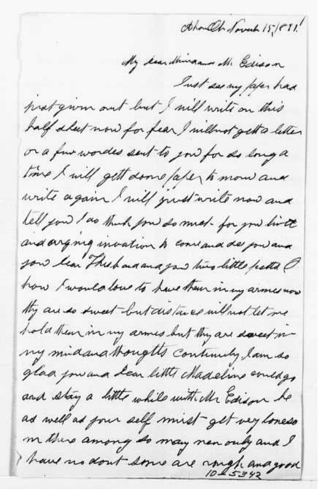
but would rather see them and talk
with them. your Pa left yesterday
for the Lake he will be there all
this week if he does not come to
your place he told me he thought
he would go and help you move
and stay a while with you I do hope
he will please write and ask him to
your Pa is not well and he works so
hard there and everywhere he goes I
do think it will do him good to be with
you if he does go to see you please try
and get him to go and see Doct.r Chad
bun Doctor Smollton wrote him
to. We are all well. Where are you
now please write as soon as you can
and tell me your last letter pleased
me so much I am so glad you can
and will pick up and go anytime and

anywhere with Mr Edison that is the way
to be with him and keep his love go every
time you possibly can go if you do think
you can not you will never be sorry or miss
the time but be glad. Those little darlings
how sweet they are and how much
company what would you do without them
I do wish I had them with me my dear cannot
send me another picture of dear little
Charles I do want another so much he is
such a darling as well as dear little Madeleine
please kiss them over and over for me I fear
dear little Madeleine will never want to come
here any more nor ever like me please do not
let her forget me I do love both so much.
I hope Thomas and William are well and happy
and doing well please give them my love and
best wishes and tell them I wish and hope
they will come and see us before going back
to school I send each a kiss



Akron Oh Novem 15/1891

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

Just see my paper has just given out but I will write on this half sheet now for fear I will not gett a letter or a few wordes sent to you for so long a time I will gett some paper to morow and write again I will just write now and tell you I do thank you so much for you kind and urging invation to come and see you and your dear Husband and your two little petts O how I would love to have them in my armes now they are so sweet but distance will not let me hold them in my armes but they are sweet in my mind and thoughts contunely I am so glad you and dear little Madeline could go and stay a little while with Mr Edison he as well as your self must get very lonesome there among so many men only and I have no dout some are rough and good

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Recipient

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Akron Oh Novemb 15/1891

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

Just see my paper has just given out but I will write on this half sheet now for fear I will not gett a letter or a few wordes sent to you for so long a time I will gett some paper to morrow and write again I will just write now and tell you I do thank you so much for you little and urging invitation to come and see you and your dear Husband and your two little pets O how I would love to have them in my armes now they are so sweet but distance will not let me hold them in my armes but they are sweet in my mind and thoughts continuly I am so glad you and dear little Madeline could go and stay a little while with Mr Edison he as well as your self must get very lonesome there among so many men only and I have no dout some are rough and good

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for nothing as for society when I think of what our dear Husbands have to go through with for the sake of money to keep themselves and children I think we aught to be very careful and good to them I read the papers you sent me at least I think you sent them they were about Mr Edison and Mr Thaper they are very good pieces but I think they have made Mr Edison older than he is did they not I think it is wonderful what Mr Edison has done and is still doing I meet Chaplin MacCabe when at Cleveland he asked all about you and told Bishop Hurst that he had held you on his knee may a time when you were a little girl he set you off in flying colors I also meet Bishop Foster he asked all about you you and he spoke about being at your home and told me how he

Mrs

Good by my dear Mother [illegible] all M. B. M.

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Please believe me ever your loving Mother please kiss each other and the dear little petts for me I gott Good words from Thomas and William through the boys Johnny and Theodor I am so glad thy are all doing well

enjoyed being there. We had a very plesant time at Cleveland hearing and seeing the Bishops and taking Dinner with them the Dinner was almost eaqual to Mayor Eatons but that was the grandest dinner I ever sitt down to I never will forget it but this time we had Bishopes Judges and Lawyers and all the grate men Docter Miller gave us an invation to the Dinner. There six hundred Collage students holding a gettering of some kind I can tell you thy had a joly time some had to stay up all night thy sang and whistle and stomped all night we didnot get much sleep on thire acount; Mr Marion is in the sitting room and Jannie Eddie Lin

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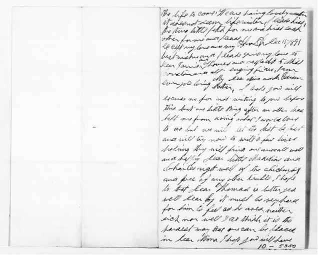
Mamma are talking over the past and
trying to find out Kitteys and Gladds
age the Mama doesnot think they are as
old as Jennie says they are so they have to
bring up the past to prove theirs age Gladd
has gone to Boston to studying Elocution
I and all of us are watching the Eclipse
of the moon did you see it, My Dear if
I can not go with you to see the dear boys
I hope you will go and have a good time
with them O how glad they will be to see
you are in hopes you are coming home
Christmass and they can come home with
you now my Dear what do you think
a bout each having there Christmas at
there owne homes and then all coming home
New years please let us know in your
next if you do not nor any of the rest come
home we will have a small time I think but

we will try and be contented untill New years
I expect you are lonesome some times I want
Mamma to go and stay with you but she thinks she
had better wait untill Miss Houston gets Maria
if she goes now she might take to much of dear little
Miss claimed time and she thinks after she leaves
will be better all around when do you think she
be Maria what do you think will be good for us
to give her, and my dear what shall I gett for
dear Thomas and William what do you think would
please them I hardly know what to gett for any
one I wish each would make a list of ~~what~~
they want and then I can gett what I can from it
it will not be long before we will have to gether
things to gether Well my dear I am making
such poor work with this I think I will close I went
to my new port folio and found this paper but I
thought I would send the peice I had wrote on
any way I hope to have paper and day lighting this
time I write to you my dear please yours



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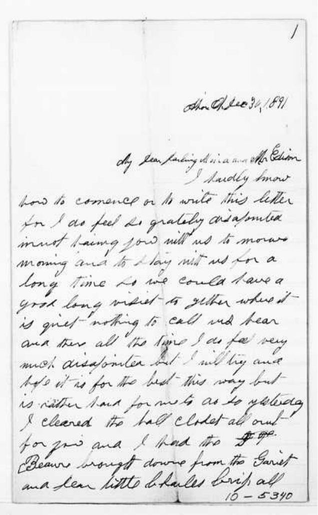
the life to come. We are having lovely weather it doesnot seem like winter, please kiss, the two little pets for me and kiss each other for me and please accept my love and very best wishes and please give my love to dear Jamie, and Thomas and respects to Miss Bouxton and all enquiring friends, I am ever your loving Sister,

Akron Oh Dec 15/1891

My dear Mina and Edison, I hope you will excuse me for not writing to you before this but one little thing after an other has kept me from doing what I would love to do but we will let the past be past and will try now to write a few lines hoping they will find one and all well and happy dear little Madeline and Charles right well of the chickenpox and free of any other truble I hope to that dear Thomas is better yes well dear boy it must be very hard for him to feel as he does neither sick nor well I do think it is the hardest way that one can be placed in dear Mina I hope you will have patiance and love for him for a little while for he is in the hardest time of his life if you can help him all right for a while he will be all right the rest of his life and he will always love and respect your patiance and respect is all you need to do for him William will soon be with you and he can help you make it pleasant for all that are in your lovely home I am so glad he is so well Lewis has ben sick ever since I have ben home but to day he is feeling better and was over to preaching and thinks he can go to the office in the morning but I fear he cannot Mame is on the Lounge to day but I think she will be all right in the morning how is Miss Louston I do hope she better if not right well also Jennie I hope she is well or as well as she can be at the present time, Where are you now? just thought it might be you were at the mines with Mr Edison I hope you had

good luck in starting the mill and Mr Edison is pleased with every thing,

Dear Mina I have these little bags for the peice of money you can hang them on the tree with the ribon I hope they will please you and the two little pets dear little one I would love to see them now I do wonder if I will see them New years your Father talks of going to Akron to morrow he can and will tell you every thing and more than I can write so I will stop and write a few lines to dear Grace and Johney I or we expect them home soon so I will write only a few lines to they also, Mr Moffet is very low we fear he will not get well how glad we should be that our dear husbands are so well and are spared to us how sad when they are called from us my dear try and be with Mr Edison and enjoy his company all you can for we know not the day nor the hour when deprivation will come, Well my dear try and be happy and enjoy this life and be ready to enjoy



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Akron O Dec 30, 1891

My dear darling Mina and Mr Edison
I hardly know
how to commence or to write this letter
for I do feel so greately disapointed
in not having you with us to morrow
morning and to stay with us for a
long time so we could have a
good long visit to gether where it
is quiet nothing to call and hear
and there all the time I do feel very
much disapointed but I will try and
hope it is for the best this way but
is rather hard for me to do so yesterday
I cleared the hall closet all out
for you and I had the
Bureau brought down from the Garret
and dear little Charles Crib all

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Akron O Dec 30, 1891

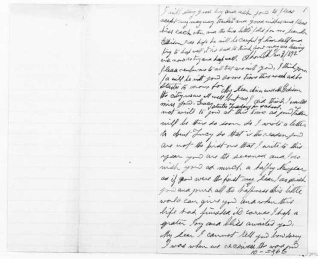
My dear darling Mina and Mr Edison
I hardly know how to commence or to write this letter for I do feel so greately disapointed in not having you with us to morrow morning and to stay with us for a long time so we could have a good long visit to gether where it is quiet nothing to call us here and there all the time I do feel very much disapointed but I will try and hope it is for the best this way but is rather hard for me to as so yesterday I cleared the hall closet all out for you and I had the ~~D~~ Beaure brought down from the Garret and dear little Charles crib all

fixed and we were nearly all
ready when the word came that
you thought it best not to come
after that I stoped and havenot
done much of any thing since another
thing your Father is not at home and I
fear he will not be home for New year
he is in [illegible] now and will be
all the week he was there Christmass
we had a very quiet time I can tell
you but pleasant we hope to have
Isaac and Robbie's with us New years
for dinner Louise did say she
would not be up but I think Robbie
will get her to come she feel very
sad just now it is just a year
that her Aunt died and now her Mother
it is hard for her she and the rest
are very well Mr Marvin was called
home last night his Father was very
low I havenot heard to day how he is.

I do hope Thomas and William are better
yes very well by the time this reaches you
I do hope all are very well and happy now
and you had a very Merry Christmass
now I wish you a happy New year, did
all of your invited friends come I am sure
nor you did tell us if they did or not have
very nice if they did come I know every thing
was lovely and dear little Madeline and
Charles had a good time I do hope dear
Thomas and William were able to be around
a little could see the tree and eat a little
of the Christmass dinner I am so sorry they
are sick or ill it is too bad Miss Houston
is so poorly to I do hope she is feeling better,
When will Jaime be home I am so glad
she stayed if she can help you any for I
think you ought to have a little rest or you
will get worn out just think on the go
ever since Thanksgiving and was
tired all most out before that I do hope
you will let dear Jaime help you all you
she can

she is splendid and can do a grate deal when she startes at it I do hope she is very well and haveing a very good and pleasent time I think it will do her good to stay away from home a little while she was very tired when she was hear please give her my love and best wishes and tell her to stay as long as she wishes and had a good time we will try and make a stay. Is Mr Edison at the Mines as much as ever and is he right well was he very much pleased with his desk and all the other pretty things you gave him I am sorry you could not get the picture finished what was the trouble my little pet we have his little chair ready and will start it in the morning to him it is very plain and light so he can play with it just as he may like I am very sorry I could not get smaller one but could not hear. Well my dear I will stop for this time but will write soon again hope you and all are very well and happy I do wish you and all a very Happy New year and every thing is in good order please let me know just how you and all are please write often tell me every thing you can and ever believe me your

your loving Mother love kisses and good wishes to one and all



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I will say good by and ask you to pleas 1
acept my may may thanks and good wishes and pleas kiss each other and the two little folks for me dear Mr Edison I do hope he will be careful of him self and try to keep well it is sad to think how may are leaving us now do try and keep well.

Akron Oh Jan 2/1892

please remember me to all that are with you, I think your Pa will be with you some time this week as he starts to move for the city. we are all well but we miss you. Gracy started Tuesday for school.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

I did think I would not write to you at this time as your Father will be there so soon so I wrote a letter to Aunt Lucy so that is the reason you are not the first one that I write to this year you are the second and I do wish you as much a happy New year as if you were the first my dear I do wish you and yours all the happiness this little world can give you and when this life had finished its course I hope a grater Joy and bliss awaites you. My dear I cannot tell you how sorry I was when we received the word you

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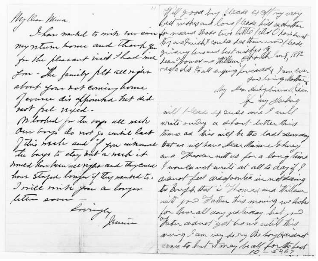
could not be witt us my dear I was
so sorry and I know all the rest were
and I feel sure thy all do excuse you
and symphathise witt you on acount
of the sickness in your Famialy it is
hard to have any thing that is not plesant
such times as Christmass and the Holidays
we all missed you all at the Table and
all expresed a wish you were all witt us
but my dear I can truly say thy
all feel ancious for you to be happy
and know thy feel all right toward you
and donot want you to feel one moment
that thy have one hard thought against you
but will be so glad to meet you hear
at home and at ther homes any time you
can come and enjoy you self pleas
my dear do not for one moment think there
is one that does not love you and will.

be glad to do any thing in the world to make
you happy, your Father and myself do feel
hearts full of love and do symphathy for
you and do want to do all and anything we can
for you please except our many many thanks
for your very many ways of remberences to
us. I donot know how in the world I will
ever come any where near paying you for
the many very nice presents you have gavin
for me please except my many thanks and good wishes
I do hope these lines will find you and all well
and happy I am so sorry for poor Thomas and
William there vacation will be so short and
unplesant for them there is not much pleasure
for one when thy are sick I was in hopes
thy could be witt us now but it is as you say
there would not much pleasure if we have to take
medicin and feel sick I do hope thy and all of
you are well now and can enjoy some fine slay
rides etc.

We all unite in sending love and good wishes and a happy New year
Love and kisses to one and all ever your
loving Mother



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[FI001ADR], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 9th, 1892

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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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My Dear Mina,

I have wanted to write ever since my return home and thank you for the pleasant visit I had with you - The family felt all right about your not coming home of course disappointed but did not feel vexed -

We looked for the boys all week Our boys do not go until last of this week and if you intended the boys to stay but a week it would have been all right and they could have stayed longer if they wanted to. I will write you a longer letter soon —

Lovingly
Jennie

Well good by please except my very best wishes and love please kiss each other for me and those two little pets O how sweet they are I wish I could see them now please give my love and best wishes to dear Thomas and William, respects to all enquiring friends I am ever your loving Mother

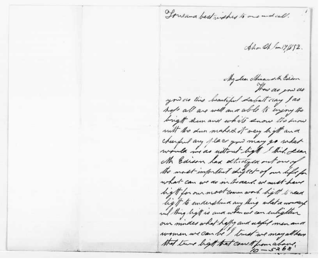
Oak Place Jan 8, 1892

My Dear darling Mina and Edison

If my darling will please excuse me I will write only a short letter this time as this will be the last Sunday that we will have dear Mamie Johney and Theodore with us for a long time I would not write at all to day if I did not feel disapointed in not seeing the Boys that is Thomas and William with your Father this morning we looked for them all day yesterday but your Father did not get home until this evening I am very sorry the boys did not come to but it may be all for the best

I am a going to ask for them all next sumer please rember that I hope they are both well and are glad school time is so near. your Father is well also all the rest of us and we are having very fine slaying now we had a Telegram from Norwalk asking you to come now as they had fine slaying and gay times you will know who it was we were very sorry to Telegraph back that you were not hear I was out to Mrs Lehmans for a Lunching Friday so many expressed themselves by asking all about you and yours and saying they were so sorry you could not be home this winter I had a very plesant time there have another invitation for next Wensday at Mrs [illegible]

Fineys the Ladys are invited to cary their Thimbles and spend the after noon they are very plesant getherings I think we want one as soon as the boys are off for school O how I will miss the boys and Mainie it is so quiet when they are away I wish you could come here and see us but it would be very lonely for you as you would miss the boys and Mainie, your Father enjoyed his visit with you very much I was very glad to learn that all were well and happy I do hope these lines will find you and all in perfect helth. and sister Eddie and Linnie are over taking dinner with Miss Angle dont it seem strang she should have dinners on Sunday Mainie was not very well so did not go she Came home from Boston last ring they are all well there,



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Love and best wishes to one and all. 1

Akron Oh Jan 17 1892.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison
How do you do
you do this beautiful Sabath day I do
hope all are well and able to enjoy the
bright sun and white snow the snow
with the sun makes it very light and
cheerful any place you may go what
would we do without light I think dear
Mr Edison has studied out one of
the most important subject of our life for
what can we do in the dark we must have
light for our most common work light to read
light to understand any thing what a wonderful
thing light is and when we can enlighten
our mindes what happy and useful men and
women we can be I trust we may all have
that true light that cometh from above,

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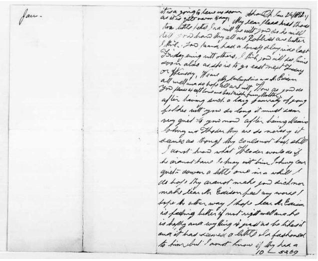
My dear Mina do you know you made
me feel bad when I read your last letter
I am sorry you have such a feeling
toward me my dear what can I say
or convince you that I do enjoy my stay
with [illegible] you always it is true some
times I gett to thinking about home and feel
as though I aught to be at home but my
dear it is not that I donot enjoy my self with
you after I come home I have to think
if you were hear with me you would
think and feel as though you would rather be
at home all the time two it takes me so long
to gett settled and feeling all right again
so many things gett out of the place & keep them
in and O I can not tell excatly what all
is the matter but it makes me feel home
sick for a week or to after I come home I
feel lost our house lookes so different
and every thing is so different it takes me
a long time to gett used to our home my
dear I do hope you donot sincerly feel as

as you wrote me last I do not want such
feelings come into my dear ones minds for
I do love you and all the rest of my dear ones
but I do think I can do them more good by
staying at home and hope they will come
and see me at our home and let me do some
thing for them if I can but what ever I do
will be worth but very little that you
know all ready now my dear would enjoy
being with you while the dear boys and
Mamie are with you not all together that they
will be there but you and your dear ones will
all be at home together I think you will have
a house full when they all gett there any way
but please except my thanks for the invation
to be there with them I do hope you will not go
to any extry trubble for them but let them help
you and do something for you do you think you
will go on with them to school this time do you
think Thomas is well enough to go now I am so
sorry he has had such a poor vacation I do
hope he will soon have better health



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Recipient

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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Jan -

it is a going to leave us soon
as it is gitt warm to day!

Akron Oh Jan 24/1892,/

My dear [illegible] those
two little letts Ira will be with you as he will
tell you how they all are Robbies are better
I think. Your Mama had a lovely sleigh ride last
Friday evening with others, I think you will see Janie
soon also as she is to go east next Tuesday
or Wensday, We are
all well and do hope all are with
My darling Mina and Mr Edison
you please accept love and best wishes from Mother
How do you do
after having such a larg famraly of young
folkes with you so long it must seem
very quiet to you now after having Mamie
Johnny and Theoder they are so noisey it
seemes as though they could not keep still
I dont know what Theoder would do if
he didnot have Johnny with him Johnny can
quiet down a little once in a while I
do hope they didnot make you sick nor
make dear Mr Edison feel any worse I
hope the other way I hope dear Mr Edison
is feeling better if not right well and he
is happy and evrything is just as he likes it
and it had seemed a little old fashoned
to him but I dont know if they had a

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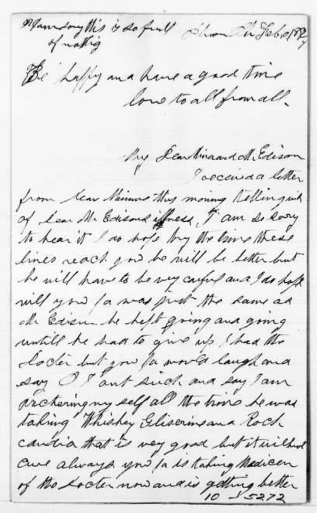
larg number of young folkes at home or
not but I think they must or they wouldnot
crack nuts and have pop corns I hope any
way they didnot make him tired and all
out of fix I do hope both will pleas ex cept
my many many thanks for your kindness to
my babes or my betty boys and dear Mamie
O my dear I donot know how to thank you
enough for the many kind~~ness~~ acts of love
and help for all of us I donot know when
if ever we can begin to pay you for
all you have done for us I do hope you
will pleas ex cept my love and thanks any
way and pleas let me do a little if I can
and when ever I can. I expect you had
a gay time or I ought to say a good time
sunday singing and playing I hope dear
Theodor could get his violen and he
played for you while others sang it was
to bad they were so late in getting there
the night they reached you lovely home it seames
as though they had to have late houres

in getting to there destinations they were untill
one in to night getting to Aunt Alices it is to bad they had
such bad luck but they will have to learn how to
do better in the future I expect they have told you
all at any rate more than I can tell you for one
cannot tell every thing on paper as they can talking
with you I am glad they had such a good time at
least they write they had a good time I wish Thomas
and William had been with them have they ever been
to Washington I hope both are well and will have
a good time with the boys the rest of the winter I am
sorry the boys didnot meet the doctor while there
did he enjoy his visiet with you and what did
he think of Thomas eyes does he think it safe for him
to study with his eyes as they are how many boys
did he have with him and were they very nice boys
dear Mina I would have the doctor examine
Thomas eyes well and have his health well
cared for before letting him go back to
school I am glad William is so well and happy
pleas give both my love and best wishes when
you write I am sorry they didnot get here this
winter we have had fine slaying but I fear



I am sorry this is so full of nothing Akron Oh Feb 10 1892

Be happy and have a good time
love to all from all.

My Dear Mina and Mr Edison
I received a letter from dear Mamma this morning telling us of dear Mr Edisons illness. I am so sorry to hear it I do hope by the time these lines reach you he will be better but he will have to be very carful and I do hope will you Pa was just the same as Mr Edison he kept going and going until he had to give up I had the doctor but your Pa would laugh and say O I aint sick and say I am doctering my self all the time he was taking Whiskey Gliserine and Rock candia that is very good but it will not cure always your Pa is taking Medicen of the doctor now and is getting better
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I am sorry this is so full
of nothing

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Be happy and have a good time
love to all from all.

My Dear Mina and Mr Edison

I received a letter from dear Minnie this morning telling me of dear Mr Edisons illness. I am so sorry to hear it I do hope by the time these lines reach you he will be better but he will have to be very carful and I do hope will you Pa was just the same as Mr Edison he kept going and going untill he had to give up I had the doctor but your Pa would laugh and say O I ant sick and say I am doctering my self all the time he was taking Whiskey Gliserine and Rock candia that is very good but it will not cure always your Pa is taking Medicen of the doctor now and is getting better and I am very glad to say we are all well all at our usal work and feeling well and happy only a little lonesome so many away gone but as long as they are all having good times I will feel contented and wait for their return O how I do wish you were coming home with Marion it may be you can do if you can it will do you good I fear you work to hard for your good my dear did I say any thing in my last letter that hurt your feelings I have not had a letter from you for so long I fear I said I did not want to My dear O my pen is so poor I am a going to try and gett another this pen is so bad to write with and I am a poor write with the best of pens Louis said he would bring me some but he forgets them I am a going to call him now and ask him to bring me some when he comes home for dinner O how I wish you and Mr Edison were going to be

with us for dinner to, I hope my next letter will be better as I have asked for some to be hear at noon I have been putting some of our furs and other things a way and when I do a little of that kind of work it makes my hand tremble a little so with poor pen I make poor writing and my poor composing I am not surprised that you donot write to me but I am a going to try and do better in the future and will hope to get a letter from you soon then I had a letter from Theodore this morning also he says they are both well and William is in good spirits and is doing well he thinks William will be all right this term he has started well any way he seems very happy and contented Theodore spoke of what a good time he had while at your house and he thanks his Father for letting him have so much time and fun he say they aught to be good boys and he is going to try to be I am like you dear Mina I think they are two pretty nice boys if they only continue to be so when men we will be glad we have them, but it is hard to have good when we are full of the cares of this life and that is the time we nead more good I so hope they will be good boys dear William if he keeps well he will be all right there I am so sorry about Thomas I was talking with Docter Tholton about Thomas he says he aught to be outdoors all the time run and climb and do any thing that would cause action all over his body he has some name for his trouble but I cannot tell but it means he is changing from boy to man and it is quite a hard time of his life he neads fun and tearing around he should not study should not be confined to any thing for a while when he is over this time he will be all right and make up all the time so it better to than if kept confined to study now let him come home with Mamie if he would like to we take care of him and it will be a change for him and may do him good, I had a few lines from Fannie the other day and she said she would be with you some time this week it may be she will be there by the time this reaches you Mamie dear thinks she aught to be home with me I would

to have her with me now but I fear it would be to much for you to go to the city with Fannie as I think she would like to have one or the other go with her I think dear Mamie had better stay if she feels able to and go with Fannie or she can stay at home with the little pets and you go just as you two feel about that I will try and wait patiently until the time is up then I will feel lonesome if they or Mamie or Fannie does not come home to morrow we are a going to have three or four young men stop with us a few days it is the young men Christians association so they will be company for a few days next to the 22 we have a Washington birth day gathering the C C E S that will be a little

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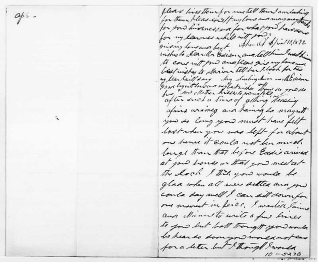
time taken up. Mr Mavin comes over
once in a while for a meal but
with all of this I miss my darlings
and would be glad if they were all with
me to day and all the time but my
dear you know that would be very self
fish in me that would not do just think
I left my dear Mother and she was not
well how offten after I think of it but
I supose it was all right or it would not
been so. I asked you pa the other day
why he wanted folkes to marrie. he
seames very ancious that every body should
marrie he said because it was right
and if they didn't marrie they were not
contented and happy it may be so. I hope
all my dear ones may get good
companions as far as they have made
choise they have done well I think
I am glad they all seem to enjoy life
and are doing well. Louis was up. with
her two little folkes Ira and Bon with

them and they all seemed to be very well
pleased with there little pets. little Marget was
just getting well of they sore throat Bon has
had a little touch of it to but is better now.
My dear I fear I am making you tired
I think I had better stop. the whistles are
blowing for noon the men will be here
soon it may be I can tell you something
new so I will wait untill after dinner before
closing so good by for a little time.
Well dinner is over and I have a new pen
I you can see it dont you think is is an
improvement. My dear I am sorry you
feel ancious about me for I am well and
all of us are we recived you Telegram while
we were at dinner we were all at the Table and
reading letters from our dear ones. Lina
told us Mr Adderholtz were a going to
have a large party a week from to night I
expect it will be very nice. Well my dear
I will close as the men are waiting
to take this to the office. I do hope

will find you and all well and happy 8
dear Mr Edison is afeild to be up but
will be very carful for a whil that is
the better way for him and all of us,
pleas kiss those two dear little petts
and pleas kiss dear Mains [illegible] if
she will like to be kissed she is no
bad to kiss you pleas give her and
all my love and best wishes,

O yes will pleas ask the girles
to bring some large sheald pines
Eddie wants some also your Father
Mr Mains is in here for a moment
he is starting some place and will spend
Sunday in Jamestown he is well
and seemes to be happy love and good
wishes to all my dear ones pleas let
me have a letter when you have time
to write kiss those two little petts
pleas believe me when I say I do long
for you and yours I am ever your loving Mother



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[FI001ADV], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, April 10th, 1892

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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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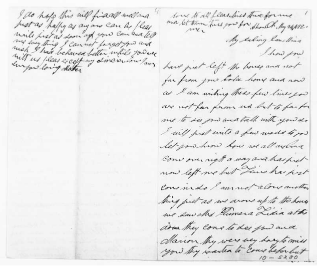
pleas kiss them for me tell them I am looking
for them pleas except my love and many many thanks
for your kindness and for what you have done
for my dear ones while with you;
giving love and best   Akron O April 10, 1892
wishes to dear Mr Edison and tell him I want him
to come with you and pleas give my love and
best wishes to Marion tell her I look for two
my dear [illegible]   My darling Mina Mrs Edison
Good bye with love and my best wishes How do you do
[illegible] Your Mother kisses to you and pets,
after such a time of getting Wedding
afairs arraing and having so many with
you so long you must have felt
lost when you was left for about
one houre it could not been much
longer than that before Eddie arrived
at your house or that you meet at
the dock I think you would be
glad when all were settled and you
could say well I can sitt down for
one moment in peice. I wanted Jamie
and Mamie to write a few lines
to you but both thought you would
be hear so soon you would not care
for a letter but I thought I would

just write a word or two to let you know we were all well and were looking for all of you hear next Friday some one said to day that Mr Edison thought he would not be hear before Tuesday before the Wedding now I yes all of us want him to come before that we want him to come with you and stay three or four weeks yes longer if possible be sure and have him come with you for if he does not I fear he will not enjoy his stay hear as your Pa goes to Chamo the first of May and that will make it lonely for him so have him come with you. I hope Mamie has landed safe and is well and happy and will feel rested so as to come right a long with you also I think it will be fine if we all can be to gether and so soon to I do hope no one will gett sick before the eventful day all

is well now and I hope all will keep well Janie and Mamie are both well and both say they had a splendid time with you they both seem to enjoy themselves very well I am so glad for when Janie left hear I feard she would be very sick before she was well I hope she will have better health after this my Dear I think you ought to take better care of yourself Janie says you have no rest day or night hardly you must rest or you will wear out before you think and then what will become of your two little pets little darlings I am so glad I can see them hear soon I do hope they will like it hear if it is only warm and dry out doors I think they will like it it has been rather an unplesent day to day but I would rather it would be so now for we stand a better chance for good weather the 24th and while you are with us I want you and the little darlings to have a good time while hear



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Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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I do hope this will find all well and
just as happy as any one can be pleas
write just as soon as you can and tell
me every thing I can not forget you and
wish I had behaved better while you were
with us pleas except my sincier love I am
ever your loving Mother

---

love to all pleas kiss three for me
and let them kiss you for
me.

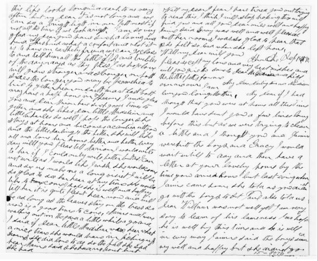
Sharon Vt. May 24 1882.

My darling Lou Mina

I hope you
have just left the house and not
far from your old home and now
as I am writing these few lines you
are not far from us but to far for
me to see you and talk with you so
I will just write a few words to you
let you know how we all Alma
Come over right a way and has just
now left me but Lois has just
come in so I am not alone another
thing just as we drove up to the house
we saw Mrs Plumer a Lidia at the
door they come to see you and
Marion they were very sorry to miss
you they wanted to come befor but

Mrs Plumer has not been well and
was trying to clean a little and get
ready to go to Mount Clemens. She
Starts next Thursday to see her sister
she is not very well. She wished me to
give you her best wishes and respects
and tell you she was very sorry not to
meet you, they had only left the
house when we had a Telegram telling
us [illegible] and Mr Mann and
Mains would be home Sunday morning
from Chicago you see my darling
I will not be alone very long the
boys say they will stay with me to,
I do hope my darling with her charge
will arrive home safe and in due
time and will find dear Mr Edison
well and waiting for you at the station
I do hope all are well and you found
every thing in perfect order and you
feel as happy and contented as a kitten
or as one possible can, supper is
ready and Jim waites me to go so

I will finish after for we have our
supper Oh how I wish you and all were
here to eat with us but I know you will
have so much better supper and you will
have your dear Husband with you and that
will make it still more plesent and good
I do not think any one can cheer and
comfort a Wife I know dear Mr Edison
will do all he can to make your home
and life plesent and happy Oh I do hope
you will let him console and comfort
you at all times and under all circumstances
my dear I wanted to be a comforter and
say something that would do good but ah
I fear I grieved and done more harm
than any thing else I do hope my darling
will pleas forgive and forget my many
many mistakes and bad conduct and
you never do like me pleas accept my
sincere love and very best wishes and
pleas believe me when I say I do love
you and yours pleas kiss Mr Edison
and the two little pets for me over and over
and give my best wishes and respect to dear
Marion, Say Mina I will send any and
every thing to you that has been left



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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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this life looks long and dark to us very often but my dear it is not long and we can see a bright light in our path most if not all the time if we look aright. I am so very glad my dear you have such a loving and kind Husband what a comfort and blessing it is to have an earthly friend we can go close to and tell him all the little joys and troubles of the days and days as they pass I do hope love will grow stronger and stronger on both sides the longer you may be permitted to live together here on earth and at last both may have a happy home in Heaven, I am so glad You and dear Marion have such good times together and she likes dear little Madeline and little Charles so well I hope the longer she stays at home and becomes acquainted with you and the little darlings the better she will like all and love her home better and better every day will you please tell Marion I would write to her if I could only write better but as I can not write as I would like I wish she would come and see us make me a long visit I will be so glad to see her here at any time she would like to ~~[illegible]~~ come I hope she is well and happy tell her it is quite pleasant here now and will be as long as the leaves stay on the trees so now is a good time to come, Jamie and I were walking out in the yard a little while ago and I said if dear little Madeline were here what a nice time she would have in picking up leaves she did love to do so the fall she was here Jamie said she had more fun but she had

Well my dear I fear I have tired you out trying to read this I think I will stop hoping they will find you and all your dear ones well and happy Jamie said Gracy was well and well pleased with her rooms I was so glad to hear that she felt so bad when she left home, Well my dear will you please accept my love and very best wishes and will you give the same to dear Mr ~~[illegible]~~ and kiss the little pets for me over and over I am

Ans Chi Sept 18th 78

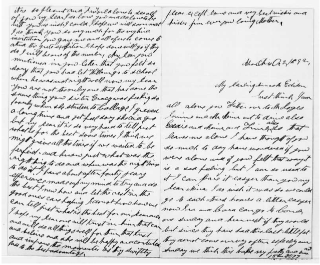
My dear darling kiss me Madeline

your loving Mother,

My dear if I had thought that you were at home all this time I would have sent you a few lines long before this but as we were trying to clean a little and I thought you and Jamie were with the boys and Gracy I would wait until to day and then have a letter at your lovely home by the time you arrived home but last evening when Jamie came home she told us you did not go with the boys to St Paul also told us dear William was not well yet I am very sorry to learn of his lameness I do hope he is well by this time and he is well in every way Jamie said the boys seemed very well and happy but she did not go.

to their school we had a letter from Johny
the same day she came home so we could
tell her something about them they said
Thomas was entering into work like a
good fellow and they thought he liked it
very much this time he looked well and well.
seemed contented I so hope he will stay
and have good luck this winter but my
dear we must have patiance and not
expect to much of the dear boys we must re-
member they are young and donot quite
understand what it is to study we must
not expect men of young boys dear Willam
just think they are having him do what a
man is trying to do I think all expect to
much of him I think let him learn to
study our plain English and understand
it well and then there will not be any fear but
he will study Latian Greek and Hebrew
all that will be neccessary I would not worry
the dear child and myself with that untill
he loved study better & get him to love

Stay first of all then the rest will be easy
my dear donot worry about the dear boys
they will come out all right in the course of
time give them time they are young yet love
them so they may love you and all will be
My dear I wish I could write a letter that
would come any where near answering the last
letter you sent me but my dear you know me
you know I am a poor Comforter or adviser
I am to ignorant or lack the way of expressing my
self as I ought O how glad I would be if I could
write one word that would give you light
and make life easier my dear how glad I
would be if I could help you bare all your
cares for you but how can I please do tell
me what ever I can do I will gladly sit my
dear I know of no one that can help as
the one that doeth all things he has said if
we will take up his yoak and fowle him
he will help us in every time of nead lets
look up to him and call on him often yes
very often I am sure he will help us if we trust in them



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Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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it is so pleasant and I would love to see all of you my dear I do love you and do love to be with you so wish I could I hope we will soon meet I do thank you so very much for the very kind invitation you gave me and all of us to come to attend the grate exposition I hope some will go if they do I will be one of the number, My dear you mentioned in your letter that you felt so sorry that you had let William go to school when he was not right well now my dear you are not the only one that has done the same thing your sister Gracy was feeling so poorly when she started to College I grieved a long time and yet feel sorry she did go but my dear it is so very hard to tell just what is for the best some times I think we might grieve all the time if we waited to be perfect and know just what was the right thing to do and when was the right time to do it. I have about after forty years experience made up my mind to try and do the best I new how and let the rest in the good ones care hoping I do not know how we can tell just what is the best for our dear ones I hope my dear one will trust in him that can and will do all things well for them that trust and believe and she will be happy and contented and improve the moments as they swiftly pass to the best advantage.

please accept love and very best wishes and kisses from ever your loving Mother,

Akron Ohio Oc 2, 1892,

My darling Mina and Edison

Just think I am all alone your Father over to the Lodges Jennie and Mr Stine out to drive also Eddie and Mame and Lincoln also so that leaves me alone I have thought of you so much to day have wondered if you were alone and if you felt that way it is a sad feeling but I am so used to it I can bare it easyer than you my dear Mina I do wish it was so we could go to each others homes a littler easyer now Ira and Cora can go to Church one sunday and hear Nell if they would but since they have had this last little pet they do not come nearly often especially on sunday we think this babe very pretty and am at

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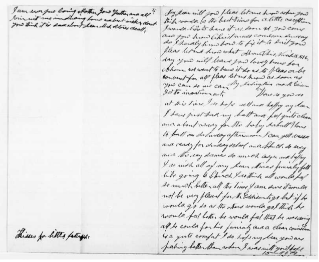
it seemes to be very well and is vey good it
suckes it thinks you know that is a sign
of a good babe I do hope these lines will
find you and all well and happy I hope
Mr Edison is with you to day I do hope he
always will come home over Sunday he
aught to give up work one day in a week and
there is no day as good as the day that
the good one has given us it comes when
we are tired and we have our work in
such a way we can lay it down and will
not harm This is a lovely day it is neither
hot nor cold and the leaves are turning
so it makes it vey pleasent to be out doors
We had our new Minister with us for the first
time this moring he was in Sunday school
and was vey pleasant there with the Children
and then he gave us a fine sermon we
all enjoyed it vey much and we think we
will like our Minister vey much they
took dinner with us Friday we expected
them all night but they are staying in

the parsonage and fixing a little by little,
I am so glad your Father was out to see you
he says you are well and happy as a Jay bird
for which I am vey glad he also says you
are having not stirring up your house
and having every thing in a confusion I am
so glad you can have your house cleaned
and all in order while you are a way
it is so much more pleasant for the famialy
and your self also I would always try to have
it so, your pa says he told you that Mamie
and I would be there soon or this week now
my dear as much as I would love to see
you and those two little darlings I fear
we cannot be with you this week I will
tell you Mamie wants to go to Miss ~~Bro~~
Brownes Wedding the twenthy and I would
love to have her go and she thinks she
cannot do both as she does not like to
travil on the cars so I think I had better
stay at home and wait untill another
time I do wish all of you were hear now



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I am ever your loving Mother your Father and all
join with me in strong love and best wishes dont
you think it is sad about dear Mrs Stores death,

Kisses for little pettys.

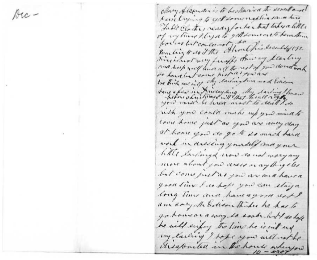
Akron Ohio Nov 15th 1884.

My Darling Mina and Mr Edison

My dear will you pleas let me know when you
think would be the best time for a little reception
I would like to have it as soon as you come
and you know Christmass comes on Thursday
so I hardly know how to fix it to suit you
pleas let me know what
day you will leave your lovely home for
Akron we want to have it so as to pleas and be
convenent for all pleas let us know as soon as
you can so we can
get the invations out. How do you do
at this time I do hope well and happy my dear
I have just had my bath and feel quite clean
and about ready for the holy sabbath I love
to bath on Saturday afternoon I can get dressed
and ready for sunday school and Church so easy
and the day seemes so much easyer and happy
I do wish all of my dear Minas famialy felt
like going to Church I do think all would feel
so much better all the time I am sure it would
not be very pleasent for Mr Eddison to go but if he
would go so as the others would go I think he
would feel better he would feel that he was doing
all he could for his famialy and a clear counscience
is a grate comfort I do hope my dear you are
feeling better than when I was with you I hope

Well my dear pleas except my very best wishes and believe me when I tell you I do love you and those two dear little Family and your dear husband I do want you to be happy with them and to those dear ones that look to you for Comfort and counsel (?) my dear and be happy with them,

you have been in to see the doctor and you are doing something for yourself do try and keep well it will be so much more plesent in every way I do want you to live to raise those two dear little ones for no one can do for them as their dear Mother. I felt very sorry when Eddie told us Mr Edison had shut down for the winter I know it makes him feel sad and troubled but my dear you will have to cheer up and help him to bare his perpelxing and hard work he needs all the help he can get in the way of sunshine and a bright happy face try my dear and let him see smiles and a happy face at the Table and all the time they are worth more to him than all the silks and Velvets you can put on try my dear to dress plain but rich, that is the most becoming to you and it pleases Mr Edison better than any other way you can dress I do hope every thing will come all around just as Mr Edison would like it let us all help him all we can by wering brigt faces and loving words, My dear how do you feel towards dear Marion are you not most tired of her and wish she would go home I think she is making you quite a visit or a stay I hope she will not wear out her welcome but I do think it is about time for her to come and stay with me a while my dear why cant you come home with her and stay untill New years or longer if Mr Edison will let you if he stays at the Mines why not come home and stay while he is there I wish you would I think it would do you good, This has been a very changeble day one time the sun will shine next it will snow and be very dark and glomey, Johny wanted me to ask you when you will start home he thinks it will be fine to meet in New York and come home to gether the boys are quite ancious to come home but still they write very good letters Johny says he is only a going to write to you and me as not any of the others write to him now we can see what we gain by writing a few lines once in a while to him and other dear friends



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Mary Alexander is to be Married the seventh and I
have been trying to gett some napkins and her
Table Clothes ready for her that takes a little
of my time I tryed to gett some one to hem them
for us but could not so
I am trying to do it the About Third December 1892
time is not very far off, then my darling
and keep well and all the rest of you dont work
so hard but come just as you are
we think we will My darling Mina make Edison
have a few in Thursday evening My darling I know
before christmas will that be all right
you must be tired most to death I do
wish you could make up your mind to
come home just as you are every day
at home you do go to so much hard
work in dressing yourself and your
little darlings now do not worry any
more about your dress or anything eles
but come just as you are and have a
good time I do hope you can stay a
long time and have a good rest I
am sorry that Edison thinks he has to
go home or away so soon but I do hope
he will enjoy the time he is with us
my darling I hope you will not be
disapointed in the house when you

my dear I want to write a few lines to 2 dear Gray to this eving hoping you and 3
all are well and happy I will close please except thousand very best wishes and give the same to

I fear you think I am working
very hard to get things fixed up
so very fine now my dear I hope you
will come home expecting to find it
as when you was hear playing and
seeing friends just your old home
my dear you know I donot know how
to fix up fine and in the new styles
I would love to have things nice and
better if I new how to but my dear
I am a going to let every thing go and
just have a good restful time when
you come for I know need that
more than any thing I do hope by the
time this reaches you you will
feel a little rested and life will
seem better to you that is it will not
seem such a hard thing to live after
all my dear it does not seem as though
we were a going to have a very great
display of presentes but I do hope we
are a going to have a good happy

time to gether that will be the best
of all other things we can have Sarah Edison
I hope you and Jannie have had a good
time to gether and both feel better kiss
acquainted with each other your Father Kitty
I and Bona and there two little ones with them
Nellie Minnie and Mamie Eddie and Jennie
and my self were all out to see the new
house we all thought it was a going
to be quite a fine house and all made
up there minds if they would always
let love dwell in there every thing would
be all right I do hope these lines will find
you and Sarah Edison with those two little
pets well and happy O I do hope the little
darling will enjoy there stay hear and they
will be glad to be hear little darling wish
I new what to do to make it pleasant and a
good time for them. there is no dout but Marion
will come is there I guess all of us want her and
Thomas and William they will all come wont they
you tell them all we want them for sure they must come

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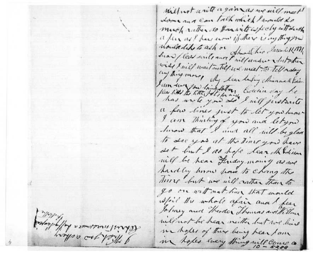

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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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will not write again as we will meet
soon and can talk which I would so
much rather do than write espicely with such
a pen as I have now if there is any thing you
would like to ask or
Alliance Ohio Decemb 11 1871
hear please write and I will answer but other
wise I will wait untill we meet to tell or say
any thing more My dear darling Minnie and Mr Edison
I am sure you bring better
fear like the little pets for me Eddie say he
has wrote you so I will just write
a few lines just to let you know
I am thinking of you and let you
know that I and all will be glad
to see you at the time you have
set but I do hope dear Mr Edison
will be hear Friday moring as we
hardly know how to chang the
time but we will rather than to
go on with out him that would
spoil the whole afair and I fear
Johney and Theoder Thomas and William
will not be hear neither but we live
in hopes of there being hear I am
in hopes every thing will come a

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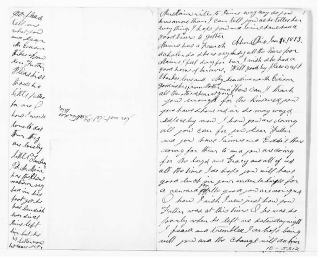
I Wish you a Merry
Christmass and a happy New year
[illegible]

round all right and we will have
a grand good time. I do hope my
dear Mina will not be disapointed
donot expect very much of anything
then there will not be disapointments.
I am so glad all are well and feel
ready to come home I will be so
glad if we can get something that
you and Mr Edison will like and
enjoy Mr Seiberlings fainmaly will
all be at home but one daughter
she lives so far a way and the
little folks are not well so they
think they had better not come
in the winter time Mrs Marks
fainmaly will all be at home
Mr Jacksons and quite a number
of other fainmlys are planing to
all meet I do think it is a fine
thing whether we get presents or not
we can remember each other with
kind words and bright smiles

that will do us so much good
the years of our lives through.
now my dear donot work and
fix so many nice things to come
here with that it will make you
sick and tired out but come just
as you are and just have a good
time that is what we want,
we must go down to see Robbie's
folks and go around and see all
we can and have all here we
can we will take the time in getting
acuanted with our old friends,
Jamie arrived home this morning he
seems very well and happy and I am
sure Mr Marion is a happy man he
seemed very lonesome and sad for
several days past and wondered why
Jamie didnot come home he is all
right now, We are all well and do hope
these lines will find you and all the
dear ones well and happy it may be I



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Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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McMain writes to Janie every day so you know more than I can tell you as he telles her everything. I hope you and Janie have had a good time to gether

Maime has a French scholer so she is very busy all the time poor Maime I feel sorry for her I wish she had a good home of her own, Well good by please except thanks love and good wishes from Mother and all the other dear at home

Akron Ohio Jan 16 1893.

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

How can I thank you enough for the kindness you you have shown us in so may ways especelly now I know you are doing all you can for you dear Father and you have Janie and Eddie there doing for them to and you are doing for the boys and Gracy and all of us all the time I do hope you will have good luck in your undertakings for a reward for the good you are doing us O how I wish I new just how you Father was at this time O he was so poorly when he left us Saturday night I feard and trembled I do hope being with you and the change will do him

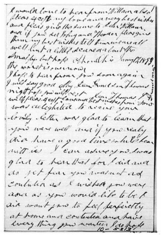
PS please tell me what you and dear Mr Edison thikes of your dear Father. Please kiss those two little pettes for me O how I would love to see them they are lovely little Darlings

PS Mr McMain has the Rheumatism very bad in his foot yet he has been sick ever since Jaine left him but he is better now but cant set,

Do not let Father see this,

good I do hope he will not be home
for a week or two and longer if he
is not needed hear on business hear
I do not think he can live long if he
does not get relief in some way and that
soon what do you think of him how
is he with you does he laugh and talk
with you he did not talk any thing but
hard times he did not laugh nor cry
and that is what we wanted him to do
Judge Upson and Ira and all the rest
say he must stay away two weeks
longer if he can and if they want him
they will send for him I do hope he
will stay do keep him if you can. what
does Mr Edison say about him and what
does he think we can do for him poor man
it is awful to think of his case. I do hope
it will not make you sick to have ~~him~~
your Father with you do not work to hard
let Eddie do what there is to be done I
am so sorry you could not come home

for I did want to see you so much but
I fear you would not be happy hear as you
Father was he kept saying for them coming and
she will see all this mess and awful things
he felt you ought not come I did and all the
others wanted you to come but did not dare to
say come for fear it would not do for you
neither for your Father I think it is better that
he went to you but I do hope you will come
very soon and see him at home if he does not
get better and if he does I want both you
and dear Mr Edison to come and make us a
long visit O I do hope your dear Father is better
Dear Mina will you when you go over to
the city get your Father some more socks
like the ones he has with him have Eddie give
you some money to get them with he has but
three pair of good ones I meant to ask Eddie
to get them it may be he can yet I hope so
for I do not want your Father to come home yet
Well I will close hoping this will find you and dear
Mr Edison with your Father and the others well and
happy Ira and Cora took lunch and dinner with us to day



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Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

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I would love to hear from William also
pleas accept my love and very best wishes
and pleas give the same to dear William
and if you see Johny and Theoder pleas give
them my best wishes tell them we are all
well but a little scared about the
Smal pox but hope Akron Ohio Janury 17 1889
the worst is over now
I hope to hear from you soon again
I will say good My dear Grand son Thomas
night hope you will rest
well pleas accept love and best wishes from your Grandma
dear Thomas I
was delighted to recive your
lovely letter was glad to learn that
you were well and if you realy
did have a good time while here
with us I can asure you. I was
glad to hear that for I did and
do yet fear you wasnot as
contented as I wished you were
and as you would like to be I
did want you to feel perfectly
at home and contented and have
every thing you wanted I do hope

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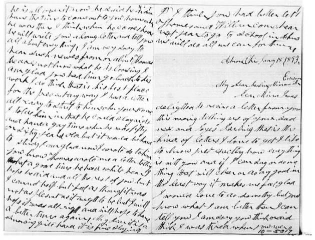
it was as you said in your letter and you will come to see me again and you will have a good time I wish you were hear now the slaying is just as good as it can be it snowed for a week every day to day is the first day we have not watched it snow it has ben very plesent but very cold I had a letter from Johny yesterday he said it was cold there I fear though you do not have many slay rides as you time is all taken up with study but my dear you can live in hopes and you know your school days will not last always nor very long time flys fast and we want to use

just the very best way we can we can slay ride when we are fifty or sixty years yes older but it will be very hard to study if we can at all so we will study now and slay ride it when we get old I do hope these lines for will find you and dear William well too and perfectly happy I have no doubt but you and your Masters had a happy meeting and you were glad to get at your books. We have the painting you made all where you placed them they are very pretty and make quite fine picture Gallery I am a going to keep them until you come again so you can see how you improved from time to time dear Thomas pleas except my thankes for you very kind letter and pleas write me soon again I love to hear from you

I enjoyed having you with us and do hope you will come hear next summer from your Grandmother PS dear Thomas if you have trouble in reading this get [illegible] them read



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Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Vincent, John Heyl
- Miller, Mary Emily

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he is all over it now he said he didn
have the time to come out to you home only
he was there I think when he comes home
he will write you a long letter and tell you
all about every thing, I am very sorry to
hear such newes from or about Thomas
he does not know what he is loosing I
am glad you had him go back to his
work I do think that is his best place
for the present any way I had a letter
all ready to start to him when yours come
I told him in that he could play and do
and have a gay time when he was fifty
or sixty years old but it would be hard
to study I am glad now I wrote so to him
you know Thomas wrote me a letter telling
what a good time he had while hear I
hope he did and all the rest of you but
I cannot help but feel as though it was
not as plesent as it aught to be but I will
hope it was all right and will hope to have
a better times again, My dear it is a
snowing quite hard it is fine slaying

PS I think you had better let
Thomas and William come hear
next year to go to school in Akron
we will do all we can for them,

Akron Ohio Jany 18 1893.

Ericson
My dear darling Minnie Ella
Dear Minnie I was
delighted to receive a letter from you
this morning telling us of your sad
ness and Joyes Darling that is the
kind of letters I love to get I like
to know just exactly how every thing
is with you and if I can say or some
thing that will cheer or do any good in
the least way it makes me feel glad
I would love to do so much but you
know what I am better than I can
tell you I am sorry you think or did
think I was tired when you were

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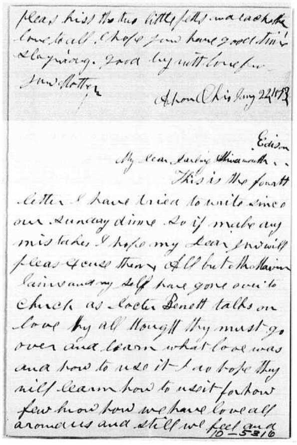
dear I do feel ashamed of my self
I always look so sad and tired
it makes every one afraid of me
they think I am not well or something
is the matter now my dear I was
not tired from having you here
with us it made me feel sorry to think
the time was so short and we would
not have any time to visit with each
other at all if I look tired that was
the reason I do wish you could come
with you two little petts and Mr Edison
and Marion and make us a visit
then there would not be so many
and be so noisey we could all
sitt around the fire and have a
good cheerful time I do wish all
of you could come that way it would
do all of us good and now your

Father has his Sunday school class
es all fixed so he can have more time
at home with us he is now in Pittsburg
on Chautauqua business we look for
him home in the morning Tuesday we had
Bishop Vincent with us over Sunday he sp
about his visit at your place he said
he and all the rest enjoyed it so much
he is with you far now he is not very well
your Father is as well as usal at least
he says he is but he is so very quiet
all the time I have to wonder what the
trouble can be but when I ask him he
always says nothing I feel as though
I am in the fault but I cannot
tell what I have done wrong I live
in hopes it will all come right soon
or some time I do not think he is well
he had a fall in or off the platform
in the Sunday school room it has
made him a little lame but he says



pleas kiss the two little fellows [illegible] love to all. I hope you have good time slayriding. Good by with love from

Your Mother

Akron Ohio Jany 22 1893

Edison

My dear darling [illegible]

This is the fourth letter I have tried to write since our Sunday dinner so if make any mistakes I hope my dear [illegible] will pleas excuse them. All but the Marvin [illegible] and my self have gone over to church as Doctor Benett talks on love they all thought they must go over and learn what love was and how to use it I do hope they will learn how to use it for how few know how we have love all around us and still we feel and

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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Ogden Ore Separating Plant
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, William Leslie
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Marvin, Richard Pratt

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please kiss the two little fellows and each take love to all. I hope you have good time slayring. Good bye with love from
Your Mother

Akron Ohio Jany 22 1893

Edison

My dear darling Minawath..

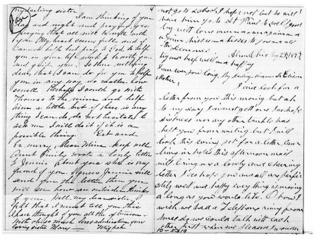
This is the fourth letter I have tried to write since our sunday time so if make any mistakes I hope my dear you will pleas excuse them. All but the Marvin lains and my self have gone over to church as Doctor Benett talks on love they all thought they must go over and learn what love was and how to use it I do hope they will learn how to use it for how few know how we have love all around us and still we feel and

act as though there was no one
love us nor for us to love we go
with long faces and sad count
ances how wrong all because
we donot know how or what love
is donot know when we are loved
nor how to love I hope they will
learn all of this There is one that is
bestowing love on us every breath
but we donot realise it we let it
pass and think no more of it than we
do to eat and sleep if we could
only love in return and do somet
hing to show our feeling how good
it would be Dear Mina O how I
would love to do something to prove
my love for you and yours what
can I do my pen failes to write my
wishes and desires to say or do

something to prove my feelings for you
and yours I do hope this letter will
find you and dear Mr Edison and the
two little folks in perfect healt also
Marion is she good compy and help
now you are alone with the dear little
ones does she sleep with them how do you
have them sleep and who helps to dress
them if I or Marie were there now we
might be of a little use I wish we
were there that is if you would like to
have us or either of us with you Marie
might be good help for you pleas
let us know. I had a letter from
Johny last evning he said Thomas was
going to the mines to work and study
at night is that so and does Mr Edison
want him to do so I am sorry if it is so
but Mr Edison knows better than

any one else but he wanted his little
folks raised so it may be all right
I am glad Willou will stay Do you
think Thomas would come here and
go to school we will do all we can
for both of the boys I do think it is
best for them to go to school yet
I do wish they could see it so they may
but I fear it will be to late but we will
hope for the best. Well this is Monday
morning and I have three inches snow if you
were only here what a gay time we
would have it is splendid sleighing.
I do hope this will find all perfectly
well and happy. my dear we are living
in fear all the time on account of
the small pox it is rather bad quite
a number of cases in Akron but we live
in hopes it will soon be over. Well
send love and best wishes and hope all
is well with all of you please tell me all that
is [illegible] for me to know.

I am ever your loving Mother please give
Kiss and love kiss the two little ones and tell
them I do love them
I am very glad you had such
plesent times with dear Aunt Emely
she is a very nice and good woman
I wish you could have such company
often yes all the time it is a grate
help to have good company around
us they cheer and teach us a great
deal that is good for us, yes my
dear the only way we can do is to
wait and hope for the better we
need all the patience we can get
to live anyways happyly.
Well my dear I will close hoping
this will find you and all well and
happy I do hope dear Mr Edison and
the two dear little ones are free of
their colds and all are well and happy
please give my love and very best wishes
to dear Mr Edison and accept the same your
self and the two little lambs



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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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My darling sister — 4

I am thinking of you day and night and praying for you praying that all will be well with you. My heart seems full and I cannot help but pray to God to help you in your life work & to be with you and guide you. Is there nothing dear, that I can do for you to help you in any way no matter how small. Perhaps I could go with Thomas to the mine and help him a little but if there is any thing I can do, do not hesitate to ask me I will do it if it is a possible thing. Eat and be merry, dear Mina keep well. Aunt Emily wrote a lovely letter to Jennie about you she is very proud of you. I guess Jennie will send you the letter then you will see how an outsider thinks of you. Well, my dear sister, I felt that I must tell you this I have thought of you all the afternoon — With oh so much love & admiration your loving sister Mary — Mizpah

not go to school. I hope not but he will have him go to St Paul to well good by with love mama and papa again and a given kisses and kisses to you and all the Lennons.

Alliance Ohio May 28/1879

Try and keep well and happy

I am ever your loving My darling Minnie and Eliza

Mother,

I did look for a letter from you this morning but ah to my sorry I did not get one I do hope sickness nor any other trouble has kept you from writing but I will look this evening yet for a letter I am living in hopes this afternoon mail will bring us a lovely and cheering letter I do hope you and all are perfectly well and happy every thing is moving along as you would like. O how I wish we had a Telephone ring from house so we could talk with each other just when we pleased I wonder

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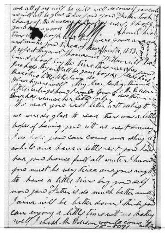
when that time will come I wish it would
hurry and come soon, you talk with
Mr Edison about it and see if he can
not make it come around very soon. I
hope dear Mr Edison is very well of his
cold also the two little tots and you are
well and have a good nurse girl
and all your help is in good order
and you are perfectly happy with every
thing. Jennie and Mr Marvin are a going
over to Miss MacClure for Tea Mamie
is there now she went to call on Miss
Phillips as she arrived home last
Thursday from Europe she looks very
well and happy and says she had a
lovely time while over there Mamie
wishes she could go over there this
winter she feels rather lonely here
at home she says there is nothing to

go to or to do she and Jennie have been
all the morning making plans how and
what to do but they did not decide on
any thing as yet Ira he talks of going
to Florida this week he wants to go
to Gorge to see some farm that Mr Lane
wanted him to by I hope he will go as I do
think it will do him good. Dear Mina you
thought I was tired when you was here
now I hope you feel and think different
now for I was not tired then nor am I
now I just wish you were all here
now and I could kiss all of you and
see dear little Madeline and Charles play
and hear them laugh. does dear little
Charles get covered with perspiration
yet little pet O how glad I would be to
see him this eve. I hope Thomas is in school
now does his father want him to work and



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and all of us will be quite well do come if you can
we will all be glad to see you your Father took
Charge of the Sunday [illegible] which I hope
you [illegible] a good [illegible] Should this
Time [illegible] boys [illegible] they were good and
not make you tired of them April 16. 1873.
I expect they and Thomas and William will be
in school by the time this reaches you
I do hope they will all be good boys [illegible]
the other little pets Sammy So[illegible]
I hear they are well [illegible] talking [illegible]
little darlings how I would love to see them Mr Edison
[illegible] for little baby
We read your last letter with delight
we were so glad to read there was a little
hopes of having you with us next Sunday
I do hope you can come and stay a
while and have a little rest you have
had your house full all winter I know
you must be very tired and you ought
to have a little time by your self
now your Father is so much better and
Jennie will be better soon I think you
can enjoy a little time with us pretty
well I wish Mr Edison would come with you

Edward [illegible] Love from all to all
[illegible] for me
[illegible]

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Mr Perkins has been very sick with the Erysipelas but he is better. Mrs Smalley is about all gone so I begin to feel as though we were a going to be a healthy set of folks again. O yes the [illegible] is all gone to the [illegible] [illegible] commenced yesterday and most all to day [illegible]

but I fear to ask him as he is so taken up with his work but I wish you would ask him if he cannot take a little time and come with you we would be so glad to see him with you I would love to have the dear little ones also but I feel as though you would rest better if they were with Sarah at home she is so good to them and Jeanea will help take care of them also so you can feel safe in leaving them I hope when we come back from off [illegible] they will be here and stay with me while you and Mr Edison with the others will be at the Worlds fair I will try and do the best I can for them and all of you and I do hope you will come here and be right at home & have just any thing and every thing we can get that you may want I want you to come home and be at home as when you were a little sixteen year Girl and I want dear Mr Edison to feel the same. will have settled

O how I did wish you and the boys would wanted just come in while they were with you from but I see how hard it was for you to leave having dear William who wanted to be with his Mother and be at home as much as any other school boy or child I think to take it all around it was and is the best as it is your dear Father seems quite well he is weak yet but otherwise feels quite well Janie has been in bed almost all the time since coming home she took this bad cold and it come near going to her Lungs & she cough very hard yet but the Doctor says she will cough for some time but she is better now and I think by the time you and dear Mr Edison comes

sends love to you dear Mina

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does not sing very much I am told your
bird as I hope it sings most all of
the time. Mr Pottle wanted to take Maime
out for a drive but she declined so
Eddie went & Mr Pottle took Maime out
last eving he does want to come
around but Maime will not let him
poor Maime has a quite deal of trouble
with the boys the right one does not
come and I cannot see why for she
is a very nice girl I think but I
guess the right one will come some
time all is right. does dear little
Madeline feel any older since her
party I was in hopes I would get
a letter telling me all about her party
and everything but I expect you are
so busy you haven't time to help
her to write I do hope both are well and
growing fine they are so much comfort
for you I do feel so glad you have
them I do hope you can keep them and
they will grow more and more lovely
every day I do love them too,

but Lucy sends love and best wishes
to you all and all of us join in
send love and best wishes
please write as soon [illegible] 13, 1918
as you can get this and tell me all the
news good or bad but I do hope there
will be no bad news to tell always
look on the bright side and all will
be good I am

My darling Nina and Edison
ever your loving Mother love to all

How are you today
now you have your dear Father with
you he did expect to be with you alone
and his two boys but sorry to say
they as well as himself was disappointed
but I do hope it has been a happy change
any way and all is well both with your Father
and yourselves I hope all were at church
and had a good day there and all are
well and happy now we are all feeling
well and better than last Friday I
do hope you do not have any such
little scares and troubles as we do

but your Father has shut it so well
it has not hurt us as before and I
do hope the worst is over now
and all will be as usual what does
Mr Edison say about the times
any way does he think it is all right
to have it so I think it is to bad these
Bankers why should they frighten
folkes so but it may be all for
the best it may make folkes more
careful and watchful if it does not
make all of our men sick I will
feel all right Please tell me how Mr
Edison feels about every thing in
the money line I do hope it is all
well with him, Well my darling I do
wish I could see you and all of yours
it seems like an age since we last
meet will you be at the Lake early
and go from there to the Worlds
fair and when will you be home

do come home a little while any
way I want to keep little Madeline and
Charles while you go to the fair you
will let me won't you dear little folkes
how I do wish they were hear now while
it is plesant and they can be out doors
and have a good time I know you
home and yard is lonely but it
is plesent hear now and they would like
it better now than in the cold winter
I do hope they can come now I want your
Father to bring you home with him I
do hope he can and stay until we
go to the Lake will Marion go to the
Lake with you this summer I hope she
will and we all will have a good time
together I do hope these lines will find
one and all well and happy and having
good times in every way. All hear
gone out for a drive and I am hear
all alone with Billey bird he keeps a
calling for someone all the time

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both are well and happy to day. also
all the rest. dear Marion and
she stay at her house most of the
time and does she like it there I was
hope she is well and happy want she
go to the World fair and be at the
Lake with us I hope so for I would
love to see her please give her my
love and best wishes and tell her I would
love to have her come and see us
yes all of us, I am sure Thomas and
William will be with you I hope so
any way please give them my love and
best wishes and have them come to the
Lake with you. We will take care of
dear Mr Edison while you are a
way why are he not come with
you he needes rest and ought to
rest while it is so warm have
him come as soon as all he can I
think it will be fine to have Pale there
with us if you think she will not get home
sick it is so different than at your home

but will try it any way and do the best
we can for her. Well my dear I
will close
for this time M.V.M. 1893,
hoping you and all are From Chicago
well and happy and we will soon
see each other and we will
have a good and Edison
fine time, please My darling this much
except thanks and good wishes I hardly know how
to write this letter to you as I do
feel much more thankful and
Glad than I can express in per
with pen and ink I cannot know
what to say to my dear ones
for being so very kind to us it
has helped so many to look brighter
and ~~Past~~ more smiles that were
so sad and felt so cast down.
I do hope my darlings will please
except my many many thanks and very
best wishes for the kindness to us
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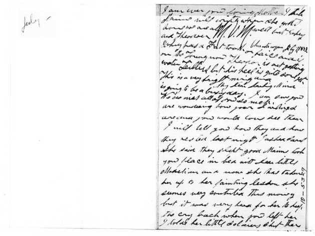
I am ever your true and loving Mother all join with me in love and
best wishes, times are hard but I live in hopes, Miss Stanley is with Hattie,

and another lot of thanks I want to
give you for taking such good
care of my dear Husband and your
Father I was so glad when he came
home he looked and appeared so well and
contented it made me feel ten years
younger I felt as though I could hug and
kiss both of you all the rest of the day
I was afraid he would come home
feeling sick and tired out but I am
so glad to tell you your Father is well
and is trying to feel contented, he had
a very pleasant time to day as it is
Childrens day and every thing went
off very fine he said Lasting Harker
I asked him if you and he attended
Childrens day there last Sunday he
said no he felt so nervous he
could not think what he wanted to

but to day he was at Sunday School and
took hold and did most of the work
and he enjoyed it so dear, man what
will we do and also the church, when
your dear Father is called hence O
what shall I do then, Dear dear Children
accept my thanks and very best wishes for
your kindness to us and do come and see
us as soon as you can and I do hope
I will not nor never will treat you as
when you were last here O how many
many times I have thought of how we had
dear you I never want to do so again
I do hope you will excuse that time and
try us again very soon to, your Father talks
a great deal about dear little Peter he says
they are so nice in everything he is very
proud of them and so we all are and we
do want to see them so much [illegible]



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July –

I am ever your loving Mother I think
Mamie will write when she gets
home we are all well but Sophy
and Theodore M. V. M.
Johny has a Fat toad on face and is Chautauqua July 7/1873
on the Swing now Theodore is out getting
water Lillie but his heel is quite sore yet
This is a very bright morning and
it is going to be a busy day. They been looking Mina
We do miss all of you so much. I am sure you
are wondering how your darlings
are and you would love see them
I will tell you how they and how
they rested last night I asked Sarah
She said they slept good Mamie took
your place in bed with dear little
Madeline and now she has taken
her up to her painting lesson she
seems very contented this morning
but it was very hard for her to keep
tho cry back when you left her
I told her little soldiers shut their

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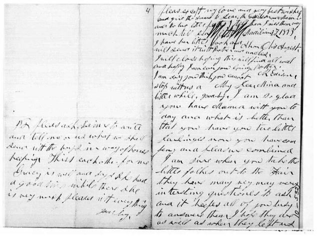
please accept love and best wishes from me and all we all join in love to all
love and best wishes. I am ever your loving Mother, Good bye & write soon

teeth tight and then then cry all
went back she said she would so
I think she did for it was very hard
for her to keep cry back I did pitty
her but I think now she will be all
right I think she will miss you all the
time but she will try and be contented.
little Charles is rolling a ball to
a little boy and he rolles it back
so they are playing very nice and I
think he feeles contented and happy
I think and I am sure both miss there
dear Mother for there is no one like
mother but we will try and do
the best we can for them and
the time will soon pass when they
will be with you and have a good
time I do hope you are well and
trying to rest a little try my

dear and forget the little petts and all
all other cares and have a good solid often
rest and a good time now you have
a little chance. I do hope these lines
will find you and all the rest well
and happy and getting rested I would
take a day and rest before going
to the Fair if not you will not get
rested at all and that is what will
need before enjoying the Fair
or any thing else I do hope my dear
Nina will not be disapointed in any
thing she expected to see, I asked little
Charles what I should tell you he
said ask Mamma why she want let
us come to her. Well my dear I want
to go to the question box and as it is
near time I will stop hoping this
will find you and all well and happy.



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PS please ask Mamie to write and tell me or send what we shall send with the boys in way of house keeping. Kiss each other for me. Gracy is well and says she had a good time while there she is very much pleased with everything

Good by,

please except my love and very best wishes and give the same to dear Mr Edison and Mamie and the two little pets. Tell them I miss them very much tell [illegible] Madeline 7 1893,

I have her little book and will send it with Robt. and uncles,

Akron Ohio August,

I will close hoping this will find all well and happy. I am ever your loving Mother.

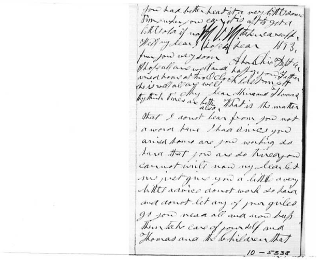
I am sorry you think you cannot stop with us a little while, good-by.

Mr Edison,

My dear Mina and

I am so glad you have Mamma with you to day and what is better than that you have your two little darlings now you have company and pleasure combined I am sure when you take the little folks out to the Fair they have many very many very interesting questiones to ask and it keeps all of you busy to answer them I hope they are as well as when they left us they did enjoy being at the Lake I think and it is a good place for them that is as far as health is concerned but Elsie says it is cool and pleasant there so they may be just as well there it is very warm here I dont think I would bring home the little folks while it is so warm I do hope you and Mr Edison are enjoying every moment of the time I hope Mr Edison is taking more rested and less sight seeing than he did a few days ago [illegible] and let Mr Edison take a good rest at home alone it would do him good to be alone for a little while at a time I often feel if I could be all alone

little while I would feel so glad but not very long for then I would feel as though something was the matter. We arrived home last evening found all waiting for us as the train was a little late all are well and your Father starts for St Louis to morrow to attend a Sunday School Convention I do hope it will get cooler soon I fear it will make him sick it is so warm. The new Rector young preach for us this morning it seemed quite old fashion to be in the church this morning after being out doors so long I like the place for preaching at the Lake I like it the same way but as the boys wanted to be at home a little while we thought we had to come home now Thomas seems quite well and contented he will go with the boys to Chikago



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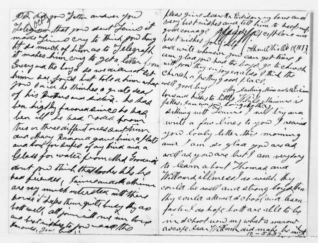
you had better heat it a very little some
time when you can it is apt to get a
little cold if not M. V. M taken care of.
Well my dear I hope to hear 1873,
from you very soon Akron Ohio Sept 4,
I hope all are well and happy, your Father
arrived home at two O Clock last night
he is well all ary well
they think times are better also. My dear Mira and Thomas
What is the matter
that I donot hear from you not
a word have I had since you
arrived home are you working so
hard that you are so tired you
cannot write now my dear let
me just give you a little a very
little advice donot work so hard
and donot let any of your girles
go you need all and now keep
them take care of yourself and
Thomas and the children that

pleas accept love and very best wishes and kisses from ever your loving Mother

is your work and duty what
will you gain in working and
gett tired out so as to be no comf
any nor comfort to Thomas let
work go and make your Family
happy with bright smiles and kind
words that is worth more than
all the money you can scrap
yes ten times over pleas excuse
me if I have said to much
but that is the way I feel no
loving Husband like Thomas
wantes to come home and find a
his Wife all tired out and sad
as an Old Drudge that is not
what pleases a loving Husband,
I want a letter from you soon
I want to know just how you

and all are I hope these lines
will find all well and happy
those two little darlings are they
well and glad they are at home,
I have been quite busy ever since
we have been at home Jaine went
with the boys while they were getting
ready to go there and to Collage it
kept us busy and after they left Gracy
had to get read she started last
[illegible] so now I am all alone we
have Louis Berten here now coming
little how is it about the corn
would you like any this fall I have
not ordered any yet and I thought if
you didn't want any I would not
we would try baked corn this winter
for a change as you think you would
like any dried if you have any left over



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P.S. did your Father answer your Telegram that you sent Louie it made Louie cry to think you thought so much of him as to Telegraph it makes him cry to get a letter from Gracy and the boys so we dare not let him see yours but told him what you said he thinks a great deal of his Brothers and sisters - he has ben highly favored since he has ben ill he had roses from two or three different ones sent him and Mary Ramona gave him a plate and bowl for supes of any kind and a Glass for water from Mrs Goodrich dont you think that looks like he had friends, Jamie and Theodore are very much interested with their horse it keeps them quite busy they are both well, all join with me in love and best wishes to you and all the dear ones, good bye.

Please give dear Mr Edison my love and very best wishes and tell him to keep up good courage accept love and best wishes yourself and write whenever you can get time I am glad you had the boys go to church with you they enjoyed also I think the church a pretty good place. well good bye

Akron Ohio Oc 19 1883

My darling Mina and to Mr Edison love and kisses to little [illegible] fellow. I am ever your loving Mother

Mamma is sitting with Louie I will try and write a few lines to you I received your lovely letter this morning and I am so glad you are as well as you are but I am very sorry to learn about Thomas and Williams illness I do wish they could be well and strong boys then they could attend school and learn faster I do hope both are able to be in school now my what a narrow escape dear William did make he must

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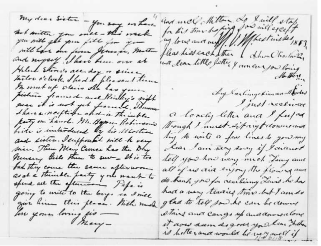
broken his legs or something else
how good it was not words and then
you had poor Theodore to work with
it is so bad you have so much
trouble with the boys I do hope Dear
Sidney and Theodore will be good
so as to help in a little measure for
the care and kindness you have
had for them I do not know of any better
way for them to pay you than to be
good boys and make smart useful
men that is my wishes not only for
myself but for you and there dear
Father for both seem to be so ancious
and are doing so much for them I
often wonder if they do realize how
ancious you are and how much you
do for them they talk about what you
do and what you give them that is

true but I fear they do not thank
you and do for you what they ought
I want to thank you again for them
and I do hope I can do a little some
thing for you some times. I am glad I
can tell you Lewis is better but not
able to sitt up yet it is his kidneys
and the doctors say it will be a long
time before he will be well some time
when we see you we can tell you more but
hardly know how to write; we are all
well and would be out every day if
Lewis was well I am so glad your
two little fellers are so well and sweet
the boys think there never was two such
little fellers. I do hope dear Mr Edison
keeps well and the times are not wearing
him out he must not worry and make
himself sick times will be better some
times.



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My dear Sister — You say we have
not written you well — this week
you will get your fill for you
will have one from Jennie, Mother
and myself. I have been over at
Helen Stone's all day or since
twelve o'clock. I had a pleasant time
We went up stairs she has your
picture framed and Rinkey's right
near it it is not yet framed. Tomorrow
I have a reception and a thimble
party on hand. Mr. Byron Robinson's
bride is introduced by his Mother
and sister. I suppose it will be very
nice. Then Mary Crouse has the Day
Nursery Girls there to sew — It is too
bad they come the same afternoon
as at a thimble party you want to
spend all the afternoon. Papa is
going to write to the boys so I will
give him this place. With much
love your loving sis —
Mary —

And well Milton So I will stop
for this time hoping you will accept
my love and very best wishes, 1883,
Please kiss each other
and dear little Jetty. I am ever your loving
Mother.

M. V. M.

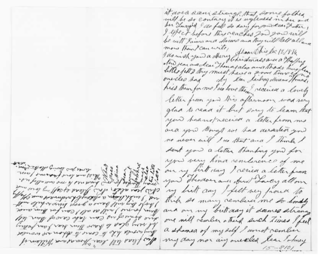
Auburn Ohio Nov 22,

My Darling [illegible] Eddie

I just received
a lovely letter and I feel as
though I must sit right down and
try to write a few lines to you my
dear I am very sorry if I cannot
tell you how very much Lenny and
all of us did enjoy the flowers and
do thank you for remembering Lewis he has
had a very tearing time but I am so
glad to tell you he can be down
stairs and can go up and down alone
it does seem so good your dear Father
is better and would be very well if

times were all right he is wering those clothes that dear Mr Edison wantes him to and he thinkes he feeles better for wearing them dear Mr Edison I am so very glad he keeps so well and happy please give him my love and very best wishes I would love so much to see him but I want him to come when he can feel easy and stay a long time with us I also want to see you and those two little darlings also the others but I to feel and think as you do about leaving a dear one as your Husband this time would be so long without his dear ones around him I never want to hear my dear say she was not made to make any one happy or to be loved by any one for that is a

grate mistake if there ever ~~was~~ any one that has made others enjoy life it is my dear Mina never let such thoughts linger in your mind one moment it is the evel one that puts such thoughts in ones mind it does not do you any good nor those around us (this pen I must get a new one, My dear I feel as you do about meeting all my dear ones it seems as though I must see them and all dear at Oak Place my dear you need never think there is not room enough dear, in this house plenty and to spare I do hope we can all meet soon again in some way I want all to come and have a good time, My dear I will write soon again I have just wrote to Johnny's



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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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it does seem strange that some folkes will be so contary it is uglenes in her and her Laughed I do feel so sory for you dear Father, I expect before this reaches you you will be with James and Maims and they will tell all and more than I can write,

Akron Ohio Dec 14/1894.

I do wish you a Merry Christmass and a Happy New year and dear Thomas also and those dear little pettes they must have a good time if no one elles had My dear darling Mina and Thomas, kiss them for me I do love them I received a lovely letter from you this afternoon was very glad to read it but sory to learn that you had not received a letter from me and you thought we had deserted you no never will I do that and I think I sent you a letter thanking you for your very kind remberence of me on my birth day I recied a letter from you Theodore and Aunt Lucy all on my birth day I felt very proud to think so many rembered me so kindly and on my birth day it seemes strange one will rember others such times I feel a shamed of my self I cannot rember my day nor any one elses dear Johney

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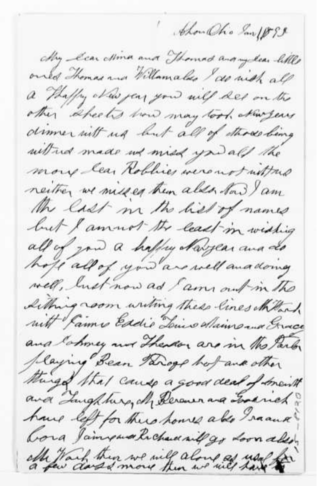
Now pleas tell dear Thomas and Willaim if they would like to come to Akron we would be very glad to have them hear I am pretty sure some of us can take care of them tell them for me I will do all I can for them and I hope they will have a good time while with us I wish them a Merry Christmass and a Happy New year also, Now pleas except my love and may thankes for you kindnes to me and all of us. Kiss and love from me I am ever you loving Mother Irwin

What does Mina dear Sunny Robbert make also the little ones, was last Monday and I never thought of it untill late in the eving sunday so he didnot get a letter untill after the time he wrote me such a good one too I did feel ashamed now if I have not thanked you yet I will now I do thank you and the others for rembering me in any way I donot feel worthey of your attention in the least I do thank you and dear Thomas for your kindness to me in so many may ways and so often I am very sorry we cannot all be together Christmass but it is as dear Thomas says it is a grate deal of truble and hard work for so little and so short a time I do hope he will soon get his work all right and all of you will be hear to spend two or three monthes and it will be warm and plesant weather to I am sorry Thomas and Willam think they cannot come for I would like to have them come and see us now if Mr Harkness doesnot come

dont you think they can come what will they do is there any place for them to go to visit I think it would do them good to come hear and we will be glad to have them we can take care of all if they will come I hardly think Mr Harkness will come and what if he does we will take care of Thomas and Willam if the boys cannot but I think they will help, you asked what I wanted for Christmass now my dear I wish you would tell me what to do for that time as for my self I hope no one will give me any thing as I cannot give any thing we have talked over haing a daller Christmass just give a dallers worth in some way but it is very hard to find any thing for a daller I donot know what Laime and Maime will do I think Laime is a going to get something but Maime said she was not so I cannot tell what we can do, Now this evening your dear Father is feeling pretty bad as he didnot have good luck in Canton to day Mr a Somers will not sign it makes us all feel very sad.


Akron Ohio Jan 1 1895

My dear Mina and Thomas and my dear little ones Thomas and Willamalee I do wish all a Happy New year you will see on the other sheets how may took New years dinner with us but all of those being with us made us miss you all the more dear Robbies were not with us neither we missed them also. Now I am the last in the list of names but I am not the least in wishing all of you a happy New year and do hope all of you are well and doing well, Just now as I am out in the sitting room writing these lines Mr Ward with Jaimie Eddie Louise Maine and Grace and Johnny and Theodore are in the Parlor playing Bean Porridge hot and other things that cause a good deal of merriment and laughter, Mr Deremer and Goodrich have left for there homes also Ira and Cora Jaimie and Richard will go soon also Mr Ward then we will alone as usual for a few days more then we will have

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Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Lewis

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Akron Ohio Jan 1 1893

My dear Nina and Thomas and my dear little ones Thomas and Willam also I do wish all a Happy New year you will see on the other sheets how may took New years dinner with us but all of those being with us made us miss you all the more dear Robbies were not with us neither we missed them also. Now I am the last in the list of names but I am not the least in wishing all of you a happy New year and do hope all of you are well and doing well, Just now as I am out in the sitting room writing these lines Mr Ward with Fannie Eddie Louie Nannie and Grace and Johney and Thurston are in the Parlor playing Bean Porrige hot and other things that cause a good deal of merritt and laughture, Mr Deramer and Goodrich have left for there homes also Ira and Cora Fannie and Richard will go soon also Mr Ward then we will alone as usal for a few days more then we will have to

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given up Gracy Johny and Theodore then it will be lonesome enough I can tell you but we will try and be as contented as we can live in hopes. Well I am covering more paper than any of the others and saying the least so I will again wish you and all your dear ones a happy New Year and good health to please yourself

a Mother's love and good wishes.

The wishes of the Edison Family. The turkey looked around after all had taken apart to see to whom the remaining parts I had carved off should go. Enough of the turkey was left so each of you had a full part —

Mr Burt West came in just as dinner was finished and is still here. The college children have just gone through with institutional performances. Your sides would split with laughter were you to see just half they go through with.

This has been a beautiful clear day. Happy New Year to all

Father

P.S. Theodore won a new suit of clothes by winning a bet — I and some others worked half the night in making a paper suit. I wish you were to see how cheap Theo looked when he was handed the paper suit. T

The College Pyramid

in form of
a traveling Pyramid

A boxing Match

Leap Frog

Happy New Year
1895

Sallie Miller

Lots of fun, good dinner
and Happy Day
Cola W. Miller –

We are all in the parlor sitting about the fire & having a good time Richard, John & Theodore have gone to station to see Eddie Bremer and Mamie Goodrich start.

"Happy New Year"
Jane

I never was known to say any thing bright so will cut my note short & simply wish you all a Happy new year. & will write you a letter later. with lots of love
Ed

Remember me to Charles
Beyrork

With all these bright messages going before it leaves only a small hole for me

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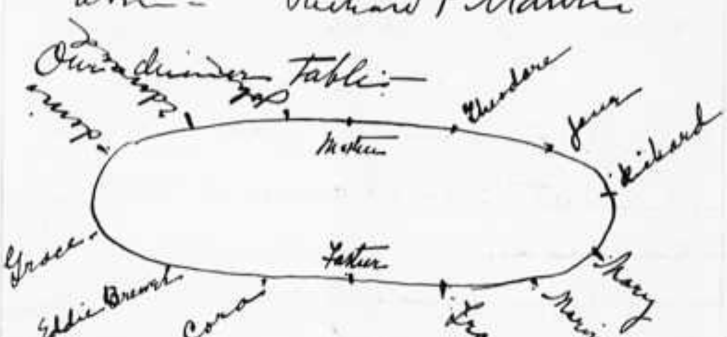
to find anything bright. You will hear from me soon in a long letter to you I have been so busy entertaining the boys and Grace that I have had no time to write
Mary E. Marvin

I agree with all the above— Richard P Marvin

Our dinner table:—



I repeat to you the message passed around — Richard tell James to tell Theodore to tell Mother to tell John, to tell Edward, to tell Louis, to tell Grace to tell Eddie, to tell Cora, to tell Father to tell Ira to tell Marvin to tell Mary to say something funny—

This was the most interesting subject of the dinner table and we are all very sorry that you were not here to receive the message in person, too— With a heart full of love— & wishes for a Happy New Year & Many of them — Grace.

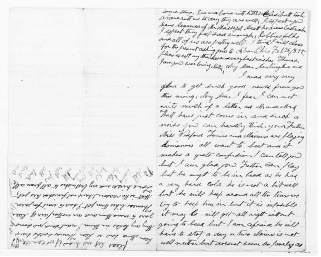
N.B. They said I had to write a great deal because I write so seldom.

It is rather dark but never mind. I wish you all a happy new year. We have had a fine vacation and hope you have had a good week. Eddie Brown and Dade got off in good shape. Love to all. John Miller.

Eddie Brewer wishes to be remembered to all and wished all a happy New Year.

A happy New Year to you all. I thank you very much for your Xmas present.
With love. Louise A Miller.

The usual annual bouncing has just taken place and they all submitted to the torture with but little resistance. Hick as usual was the hardest to manage and is as fat as ever. The fellows have gone and it seems as though we had lost a member of the family forever. I am going to write you very soon to thank you for that elegant present so excuse me now. With love to all I remain
Your loving "broth"
Theodore.



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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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some thing, Ira and Cora with little ~~C~~ Archibald took dinner with us to day they are well, I expect you have learned of Mr Massey's death he died last week I expect they feel sad enough, Robbies folks and all of us are pretty well, I think I will close for the present asking you to Akron Ohio Feb 12th 1895.
pleas except my thankes and very best wishes, Thomas,
I am your ever loving Mother,

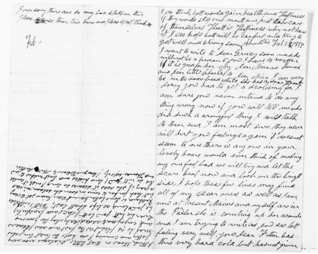
My dear darling Mina and

I was very very glad to get such good newes from you this morning, My dear I fear I can not write much of a letter as Ma and Mrs Hall have just come in and such a noise you can hardly think, your Father Miss Woolford Lewis and Mamie are playing dominoes all want to beet and it makes a grate confusion I can tell you but I am glad your Father can play but he aught to be in bead as he had a very hard cold he is not a bit well but he will keep around all the time we try to keep him in but it is imposible it may be will get all right without going to bead but I am afraid he will have to stop a day or two Mamie is not well neither but doesnot seem so poorly as

pleas let us know if we can do they fit

Dear Mina how is dear Thomas socks have they any holes in them I want send you some yarn to mend them and an nother pair if dear Thomas likes them yet I had to wait for yarn that is the reason I have not finished thes yet, Love kisses and my bestwishes to all from all.

PS all baby better hope all are coming well with you all send love will your Father I think now that I am well dear Mamie will have a little rest and can take better care of herself Richard is better at his office to day the rest of us are well and I do hope these lines will find dear little Charles better and all the rest well and happy pleas kiss dear little Charles and Madilien for me little darlings I am so glad they will soon be over that little trouble I am sure you will be glad when they have had all of those things especely if they get threw all right, My dear I do think you will soon get acaunted with your Brothers Johney and Theodor they say they never had such a smooth time at Minas as they did this time at your place the Girles and lanes was perfectly smooth they think they are having the very best of times every one is so very kind and good to them they think every thing is simply smooth. dear boys I do hope they may be suceful and may make good and smart men I do hope Theodor can get on the crew so as to go to England I think that will be fine I expect they have talked all this over with you and dear Gracy and Eddie dear Thomas has no time to listen to such talk dear Man I do hope he may soon be able to stop and rest a little I am so glad he is proud of his two little pets I do hope he may always be proud and glad he has two such fine little ones, My dear I thank you for talking with the doctor about Gracy now I do hope you will talk to him about yourself do try and keep well for what would we do without our Mina especely those two dear little ones do try and be well I do hope all will do all they can to keep good health, I wonder when Eddie will be home it seemed to me he has been gone long enough dear Gracy I would love to get a letter from her but I expect I will have to wait untill she has finished her visiting but you will pleas tell her if she can find a little spare time I would love to get a letter from her, Martha and little Margreat is Thornsvill it may be they will be to see you



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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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I am sorry there are so many bad spots on this
please excuse them this time and pleas [illegible] Thanks

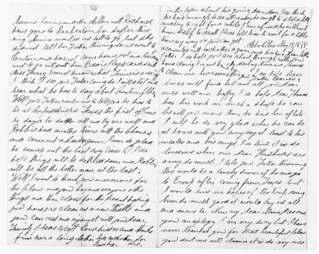
Feb -

I do think both would gain health and Happiness
if they would stop one month and just take care
of themselves Health is Happiness why not have
it I do hope both will be carful and try to
get well and strong soon, Akron Ohio Feb 28 1899
I want to write to dear Gracey soon and she
will not be a burden to you I have to wonder
if it is good for her My dear Mina and Thomas
and dear little Charles to be in the same bead while she has a soar throat
dear Mina I am very
sorry you had to get a scolding for I
am sure you never intend to do any
thing wrong now if you will tell me who
did such a wrongful thing I will talk
to them and I am most sure they never
will hurt your feelings again it doesnt
seem to me there is any one in your
lovely home would ever think of making
any one feel bad we will try and let the
scare heal now and look on the bright
side, I hope these few lines may find
all of my dear ones as well as I am
now at present Mame and my self are in
the Parlor she is counting up her acounts
and I am trying to write as you see both
feeling very well, your dear Father has
this very hard cold but hasnot given

I think those in that little dialogue was very
pretty and cunning I do hope the next ten years
may be as plesant as the past and new pleasures
and enjoyment added daily May the good one
ever be with you both peace and prosperity
be yours long as life shall last, Well I will close
Richard is some better havent seen Jaims yet today
but look for her to come in soon she seldom misses
a day if she does it seemes so long I wish it could
be so with you I love kisses and best wishes to you
and Thomas especily pleas give the same to [illegible] Mother

up one moment of day time he did stay
at home last eving from prayr meetig
but this moring up early and started
to Cleveland he says he is all right
he is very hoarse and caugh a great deal
but he did seem a little better this moring
we will try and do the best we can for him
for we cannot give him up It does seem
strong when you think how may men are
leaving us every day and some not willing
to leave a natural way but use some
violent means O how sad for those
that do so and for there dear friends they
leave to struggle along alone, I expect
you have heard or know all about dear
Father Edison also Mr Madday and a number
of others Mr Thaxter took his own life
how sad but cannot take up a paper but
you read of such dreadful cases,
Pleas write and tell us all about Father
Edison did Thomas come to the Funeral
and where did they have it was he sick
long who was he with we only had an
account of his death in the paper that is all we
know I symphitize with both of you but we
should not greave as when one gets old as
Father Edison life is lonely and often they
feel ready to go and be at rest I hope
it is well with Father Edison now he is with
dear ones on the other shore,
I received your lovely letter this moring
was so very glad to learn that dear little
Charles was doing so well I hope by the
time this reaches you he and dear little
Madeline will be quite well strong and
happy as Gay birds now they are over
one more childs trubles and they are
that much nearer Man and Woman I
do hope both will grow to be strong and
health and will always be a great comfort
to there dear Father and Mother bless him both
for me, I do thank you dear Mina for having
the Doctor look over dear Gracys case
also your own for both need care and attention
and now I do hope both will be women enough
to do there duty and do what they are told

Ed Just received dear little Madelines lovely letter I will answer it soon Dear so glad to hear from her Bless her and thank her for for this lovely letter I am so glad both are over the Measles Good bye.



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Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Mamie Jamie and Mr Allen with Richard
have gone to Barberton for supper this
eving Mamie wanted us all to go but she
did not tell her Father this mornig so we went to
Canton and hasnot come home yet and Eddie
wont to go with out him Eddie plays cards with
Miss Theney I donot know what Lenie is a doing
I think I see you Father coming so I will stop and
hear what he has to say about Cantonfolks
Well you Father wants me to tell you he has to
be at Corpuschristie Texas the first of June
he says he saw all and they were well and
Robbie had another time with the blanes
and come out ahead again I am so glad
he comes out the best evry time O I do
hope things will be settled soon and Robbie
will be all the better man at the last.
Well I want to thank you once more for
the pilow and your box and veryone other
things and then close for the present hoping
you house is clean as a new Whistle and
you can rest and enjoy it with you dear
Family please except love kisses and thanks
from ever a loving Mother kiss eachother for
Goodby. me,

in the paper about his going dear Man I do think
he has enough to do all ready he ought to stop a little
and try to rest for a while I am afraid he will work
him self to death pleas tell him to wait for a little
time any way so you can get
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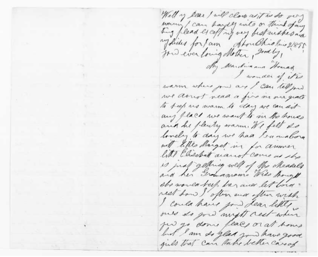
acquainted with eachother again and his two dear little
pets. I do hope you are about through with you
house cleaning I or we have My darling Mina and Thomas
to clean our bedroom after you Father leaves I do hope these
lines will find both and all you dear
ones well and happy I do hope dear Thomas
has his work in such a shape he can
be with you more than he has been of late
I will be so very glad when he can be
at home with you every day at least to his
meales and his evings I do think it is so
lonesome when our dear Husbands are
away so much. I told you Father this moring
this would be a lonely summer if he did go
to Eroup after coming from Texas but
I would live in hopes of the trip doing
him so much good it would pay us all
and more to. Now my dear Mina I do owe
you an apology I am very sorry but I have
never thanked you for that beautiful pilow
you sent me with Mamie it is so very nice

and useful we use it most all the time your Father says it just suits his head I do thank you very very much for it my dear you have done and are doing so much for poor me I hardly aught to write any thing eles but thankes I do hope my dear you will always feel and know I do thank you for evry thing whether I mention them or not I also like the Stand Cloth that Mamie brought home with her it looks very petty on the Table and it is also what we aught to have my pleas except my my thanks for the pilow and evey other good things you have done for me and my dear ones that or those boxes you sent me evey thing in them so nice and useful I sent word for Louies to come up and take what she wanted well I thought she would take all but the dresses were a little to short and no way to let them down so she thought she could not use them and those two over coats she had a mind to take them but we all thought it would be a good deal of a waist to cut them up for little Robert she reluctently left them but evey thing eles she took and wanted me to tell you she was glad for every thing and she thanked you for rembering them so kindly every thing was so useful she will write also so I needent say anything more about the box I think Robbie and Louies feel pretty bad poor Children they do have a hard time I do wish they would leave Canton Mr and Mrs Chance is to bad for any use I cannot see how Robbert does stand it they are so insulting but both try to keep up the best they can they are all well had little folks have the Measels now but not very sick with them the rest are well and we are all well did you know your Father was a going to Texes next week and when he comes back from there he goes to Europe so he will be gone most of the sumer I do wish you would come and stay with us while he is away for it will be lonesome I can tell you dont you think Thomas will come for a little while any way I do wish he would is it so he is a going to North Carliana in a Gold Mine my dear what will you do if he does we read a long peice



Well my dear I will close as it is so very warm I can hardly write or think of any thing please accept my very best wishes and my kisses for I am
Akron Ohio June 2/895
your ever loving Mother, Goodby,

My dear Mina and Thomas

I wonder if it is warm where you are I can tell you we donot need a fire in our grate to keep us warm to day we can sit any place we want to in the house and be plenty warm. We felt so lonely to day we had Ira and Dora with little Margret in for dinner little Elizabeth cannot come as she is just getting well of the Measels and her Grandmama Wise thought she would keep her and let Dora rest how I often and often wish I could have your dear little ones so you might rest when you go some place or at home but I am so glad you have good girls that can take better care of

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Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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your ever loving Mother, good by,

My dear Lina and Thomas

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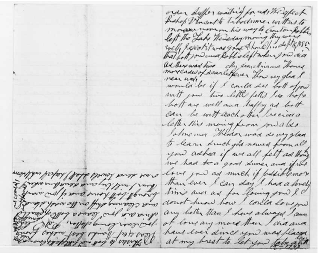
than I can but I would like to have
them hear any way I do hope they
as well as both of you and all with
you are well and happy O how I wish
you were hear now why not come
it is so much nicer now than in
winter or even later but if you and
Thomas will come some time soon
I will wait until you can come
and stay a long time Contentedly
we think it is fine hear now but
we feel lonely as your dear Father
and Eddie both are away just
Jennie Mame and myself I have
been quite busy with cleaning our
bed room this last week I wanted
to do it while your Father was a
way dear man he is in a warm
part of the country just now but
he promised he would be carful
and I do hope he will I think your
dear Father is willing to live so
he can try to get things in better
shape befor leaving it and I think it
is working around better but not as
good as he and the rest of us would like
I do hope dear Thomas is getting along
well with his work and every thing will
be as he wishes and both of you can
have a good long rest dear man he
must be very tired but if he succeeds he
will be well paid and can live the rest
of his life in ease if he will, I do hope
those two little petts are well and happy and
are growing as fast as they can this warm
weather all the children are having the meas
els around hear every house has a case
or two yes more some times but all are
doing well the Diptheary is the worst but
there is very little of that hear I pitty
a poor child or any one that has to be sick
such weather as this, Will you go and
see dear Gracy I do hope so I do want
Mame to go it may be she will also [illegible]
but not now Eddie left for there last
Thursday she so he may be with Gracy
to day!



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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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order supper waiting for us, we expect Bishop Vincent to lunch dinner with us to morrow noon on his way to Canton Robbie left the Lake Wensday moring they were well, I expect it was good that both you and Robbie left when you did as there was two more cases of scarlet fever near us.

Akron Ohio Sept 16, 1885

My dear Mina and Thomas How very glad I would be if I could see both of you with you two little petts I do hope both are well and happy as both can be with each other I recived a letter this moring from you also John and Theodore was so very glad to learn such good newes from all you asked if we all felt as though we had to a good dinner and if we love you as much if possible more than ever I can say I had a lovely time and as for loving you I do not know how I could love you any better than I have always I cann ot love any more than I did and have ever since you was placed at my brest to let you take a litt

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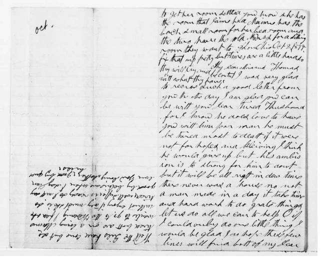
Kisses to both and little petts, love and good wishes
Pleas accept thanks best wishes from your ever loving Mother, P.S. I leave
Mina did you leave a bottle of smelling salts and cleaning stuff on the wash stand I brought both home and if you want them I will try and send them when you or we send towels shall I keep all until some one comes [illegible]

I do hope dear William will have a good winter at school will Thomas go are both well and happy please give my best wishes to Marian if you write to her. Good bye.

of something that would strength and help you to grow it seemed then I had a lovely soul to watch and try in my weak wandering way to raise I loved then and have ever since I am not sure if I could love more now then I did at that time but they say love grows I believe it does in some cases but with a Mother and a dear sweet little daughter that lived to gether all there life it seemes that love was as large and more than toung could ever express at first and lasting as time I love you now and always shall I do thank you so much for what you did to make the sumer pass so plesen they it has ben a sumer I shall always rember on acount of what you and all did to make it plesent for me I feel unworthey of what you did for me I never can pay you but I do hope you will pleas accept my

thanks and very best wish I am ever your loving Mother I do think we had a lovely sumer every thing went on so smothe and plesently all around how I did wish you had staid an nother day or two as it was so plesent after all had left but I hope it will be more plesent next sumer because of Thomas and your Fathers company I do hope both can be with us and we can all have a lovely time to gether. I am so glad you met your dear one at home it was so kind in him to stay all day from his work I do hope he was well paid and now both can work and feel all the better for the rest you had I do hope dear Thomas is well and every thing is in good order and he had a little time to rest and be with you and dear little Madelin and Charles dear little ones how I would love to see them to day, I am all alone just now as Maime Gracy have gone out to see if they can find a girl we found every thing in good



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Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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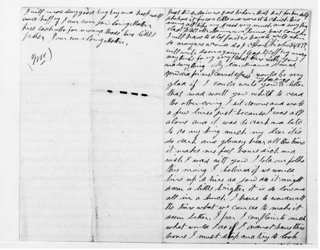
to get her room settled you know she has
the room that Laura had Maime has the
back small room for her bed room and
the two have the old [illegible] for a sitting
room they want to [illegible] Ohio Oct 2, 1899
fix that up pretty but times are a little hard so
they will stay and they can Maria and Thomas
with what they have be content I was very glad
to receive such a good letter from
you the other day I am glad you can
be with your dear tired husband
for I know he does love to have
you with him poor man he must
be tired most to death if it were
not for hopes and believing I think
he would give up but his ambis
ion is to strong for him to dont
but it will be all right in due time
there never was a house no not
a man made in a day it take time
and hard work to do grate things
let us do all we can to help O if
I could only do one little thing I
would be glad I do hope these few
lines will find both of my dear

Well the Girls have come but so
tired both are on a long Maime
wants to go to the Wedding I fear she
will not enjoy it very much she is so
tired well supper is ready so I will say
good by believe me when I say I am
ever your loving Mother, good by and
kiss.

ould well and happy pleas kiss
each other and the two little pets for
me I am so glad they keep so well
and happy it will do them good to be
there I am sure and you self also
we are having fine weather and it looks
now as though we were a going to
have a plesent day to morow you
know this is a grate week here Miss
Ruth Siberling and Mr Flinger is to
be Maried also it is our Fair week
so you see we would like to have
plesent weather if we could, O I
wanted to tell you in my other letter
that Mrs Goodrich is in Orange
and she would be very glad to
see you I do hope you will meet as
I do think she is a very plesent Lady
we like her very much,, I am very
glad dear Thomas arived safe
I do hope he will have a plesent
time I am glad he could go for
it will do him so much good

and will pleas Marian dear Child
it did seem so bad to think of her
getting Maried and neither Father ~~and~~ nor
Mother there it is good that her dear
Brother could be with her I do hope she
will have a happy life and every
thing will be well with them,
We are all well I had a letter from
Robbie the other day he says Louie's
has the Mumps on both sides of
her face or neck the rest are well
you know Conference has just
closed there Robbie thinks Louie took
the Mumps from some of the ministers.
What do you think we have Doctor
Bennet sent to us again quite a numb
we feel very bad about it, Claire and Gracy
started out for a walk about half past
two O clock and have not come home yet,
and it is half past five supper allmost
ready I am afraid they will be to tired
to eat when they do come Gracy has been
just as busy as she could be trying



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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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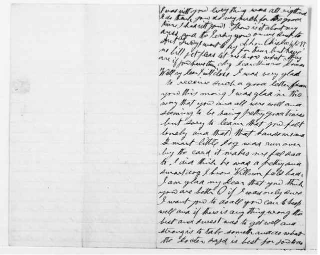
I will now say good bye bye and keep well
and happy I am ever your loving Mother
kiss each other for me and those two little
pets. I am ever loving Mother.

(Mrs)

Just think Mainie has taken that hat for her self
she had it fixed a little and wore it to church this
morning all like my dress very much and every thing
else. Well the Mainie and Jennie have come so
I will have to stop for it is hard to write when
so many are around so I Afton Ohio octo 24 1898
will write soon again please accept my many
many thanks for my very pleasant time with you
and every thing My dear Mia and Thomas
you did for me I cannot express my feelings I would be very
glad if I could write you a letter
that was worth your while to read
the other evening I sit down and wrote
a few lines just because I was all
alone and it was to dark and late
to do any thing much my dear it is
so dark and gloomy hear all the time
it makes me feel home sick and
wish I was with you I told our folks
this morning I believed if we would
live up stairs as you do it might
seem a little brighter it is so low and
all in a bunch I have to wonder all
the time what we can do to make it
seem better. I fear I complain to much
what would I do if I did not have this
home I must stop and try to look

on the bright side it will soon be sumer the sun and green grass will be hear then all is right I will try and be contented but I must say and I do want you to believe me I did have a grand good time while with you all say I look so well and think I had good care while a way I do thank you and all with you for the good times I had and I do hope these lines will find you dear Mr Edison with those two little pets well and happy but I fear you are not as well as you aught to be I do hope you will take care of you self if you are not better this time you will see Doctor Hardsmith and let him give you something that will help you for it is wrong to let such a thing pass without care do take care of you self and keep well and strong if you do every thing else will be right that is Happiness;

Well I expect you have your Brother Ira with you to day have you said any thing to him about Mr Mallary if so I will not mention it to him pleas let me know and then all will be well at least I hope so, We were all at Church and Sunday school like the Minister very very much every thing else as usal; James is a going to have all of us at their house for Thanksgiving dinner so you may think of all the Family being there eating Turkey while Tommy and Theodore are enjoying the dainties at your lovely Table I do hope you may be well and enjoy the day and times with each other to the very highest point; F Manns and Gray go to South Bend after all so I will be alone with Robbies folks but that will make the time pass faster Mamie has every thing all fixed so I will not have much if any thing to do while they are a way the girls have done well in keeping house I think we can speak a good word in that way for them;



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Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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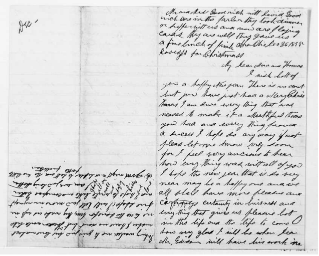
I was with you evey thing was all right and
I do thank you so very much for the good
time I had with you. How is it about my
dress and the Sunday you or we sent to
Aunt Lucy's I want to pay [illegible] Ohio Dec 4 1895
no bill yet pleas let me know what they
are if you have them [illegible] Thomas
Well my dear I will close I was very glad
to receive such a good letter from
you this moing I was glad in this
way that you and all were well and
seeming to be haing pretty good times
but sorry to learn that you felt
lonely and that) that handsome and
smart little dog was run over
by the cars it makes me feel sad
to I did think he was a pretty and
smart dog I know William feels bad.
I am glad my dear that you think
you are better O if I was only sure
I want you to do all you can to keep
well and if there is any thing wrong the
best and surest was to get well and
strong is to take someth and do what
the doctor says is best for you to do

kisses and love and very best of wishes from an ever loving Mother I wish I could see
you this morning I hope all are well and doing well

There is nothing like good health that is what you need do try and have it and keep it. I am glad the dear little ones keep well and strong and are so much company for you O how glad I will be when Mr Edison can have time to stay with you, I glad you enjoyed the time with your old friend it is so plesent to meet old ~~acquantunces~~ dequaintences also plesent to make new ones I had a letter from Theodore this morning he told me about taking Thanksgiving dinner with you he said he need not tell me what a fine dinner you had for I new what you could and did always do every thing was fine and good I hope both your brothers were good and did not cause you any unnecary trubbles I want them to be good, I think they must of had a grand good time all this vacation, Well we have word that Mamie and Grayce will come this evening so will not finish this until they come you know they went to Mr Carlisles last Tuesday then I can tell you when Mamie can come to you we are all well and I do want you to believe me when I tell you I did have a good time while with you you did just right in every way and I did have a good time with you, good by until the girls come kiss little pet

Well Mamie and Gray dear are at home and I think they are rather glad to be home again both are well but when Mamie will be with you I cannot tell but I think she will tell me pretty soon they hardly know how to fix every thing they seem to be in such greate demand but I think Mamie will be with you soon. It is a snowing and looks very much as though we would have a slay ride soon, ~~H~~ My dear I want you to pleas except my many many thanks for the kindness and respect you gave me while with you it greaves me to think you feel as though you did not do right while



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Recipient

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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Mr and Mrs Goodrich with David Goodrich are in the parlor they took dinner or supper with us and now are playing cards they are well they gave us a fine bunch of pink Akron Ohio Dec 26 1898
Roses for Christmass

My dear Mina and Thomas

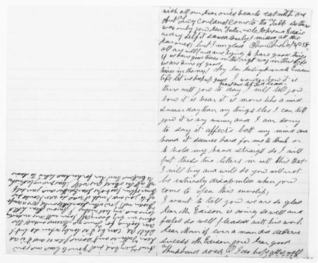
I wish both of you a happy New year There is no dout but you have just had a Merry Christmas I am sure every thing that was needed to make it a Merthful time you had and every thing proved a succes I hope so any way if not pleas let me know very soon for I feel very ancious to hear how every thing was with all of you I hope the new year that is so very near may be a happy one and we all shall have more pleasure and carpfapitys certainty in buisness and every thing that gives us pleasure both in this life and the life to come O how very glad I will be when dear Mr. Edison will have his work in a

Johny wanted me to give you his love and best wishes I have no dout but Theodore would like me to do the same for him, they wake us up in fine shape I will tell you more in my next and I hope to write better and compose better
I am ever your loving Mother
good night and kiss to both and the two little pets for Mother.

I hope all are well and happy little ones love

The First Friday of 1898 and I wish you a happy New year kisses and good wishes to all
letters from by son, [illegible]

Such shape he will have time to
take a little time with his Family
both at home and go around with them
it will do all so much good I do think
now if he could only stop and take a
little rest go out and see folks and
there works he would find something
that would help him I do wish he would
try it. Well how did every thing go
with you I must tell you how it
was at Oak Place we had a very
plesent social time Mr Cairn and
Laine and Ira and Cora with their
two little girls were hear for dinner
and all seemed to feel well and contented
and full of talk and then Mamie Gracey
Johny and Theodore seemed to be full and
a little more they made it very lively
It may be you would like to know
what I recived in the presents line
will I am sitting on a Chair beautiful
little sewing Chair that Ira and Cora
gave me Laine gave me a Muff
and gave your Father an umbrella O that was Ira
and Cora Mr Cairn and Laine gave the book
the boys handkerchiefs and they pay the Girls
expenses to the Promenade all recived something from
them we all gave each other some little thing
few and small but with good will and wishes
that was worth all if we can feel right
and good to eachother we will be happy
in that way and that is a great deal I do think.
We have not recied the Linnin but I
hope it is safe and the dear little pets were
pleased with the presents you gave them for
me that is the way I understood you in the
Telegram you sent us I do hope the horses
are just what you wanted and they will
suit you in every way they are young
and you can train them to your liking
what does your Coachman think of them,
Well your dear Father has come from prayer meeting
and Mr and Mrs Goarich have gone home and it's
little late so I will stop for this time hoping
this will find you and all well and happy
We are well and enjoying the young folks more
than ever,



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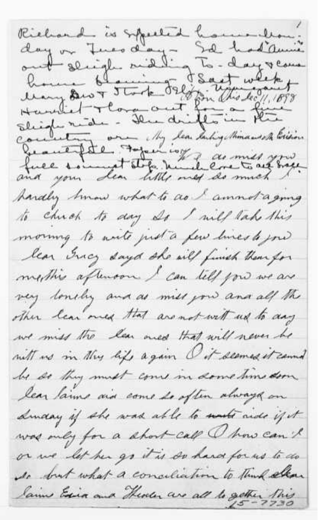
wish all our dear ones here to eat with us
Aunt Lucy could not come to the Table so there
was only your dear Father uncle John and Eddie
and my self it seemed lonely I missed all the
dear ones but I am glad Thom Chris Dec 25 1898
all are well and are trying to have good times
if we have good times in the right way in this life
we are sure of good
times in the next My dear darling Thomas Alva Edison
life let us keep up good heart and let God lead I wonder how it is
there with you to day I will tell you
how it is here it is more like a mid
summer day than any things else I can tell
you it is very warm and I am sorry
to say it affects both my mind and
hand it seems hard for me to think or
to hold my hand straight so I will
put these two letters in with this that
I will try and write so you will not
be entirely disapointed when you
come to open this envolope

I want to tell you we are so glad
dear Mr Edison is doing so well and
feels so well pleased with his work
dear Mom if ever a man did deserve
sucess Mr Edison your dear good
Husband does O I do hope all is well

Aunt Lucy had just gone to bed and your
dear Father is out some place and it is as
still as can be it is lonely when so but I
am looking for Tom and Marion and all the
others in very soon all come with me in sending
love and my best wishes I know dear little
Theodore with your other dear little ones are a comfo
rt to you and I wish it was so near I could see
them often I do hope dear Edith and your self
with all the others are well please give my best wishes
to Edith and thank her for her kind letters the dainty

Well with love and very best wishes to you and dear Mr Carden [illegible] loving Mother, kiss little pets over and over for me, I thank you for your very kind and loving letter Mamie received her all right, Good bye with love and very best wishes to the aff

and bright with him to day and I hope my dear darling Nina is well and is enjoying her sweet little darlings more and more every day my dear when they get to be men and Women how sweet and dear they will be to you I do hope they may all live to grow to man hood and Woman hood and they will be a comfort to you and their dear Father how sweet and comforting it is to have our darlings to look to and be with us when we feel sad and the charmes of this life begin to loose themselves things do not look as when we were young and every thing looked bright my dear keep your little darlings with you now all you can win their love and all will be well with you and them think what dear Theodor said there was nothing grater than love O our dear Theodor I do hope he is enjoying the benefites of his love and good wishes for his country and Mankind, Well dear Nina I must not dwel on dear Theodor if I do I can never stop. I will tell you a little newes and what a grate surprise we had yesterday at four O'clock your Aunt Lucy and uncle John drove up to our house we were not expecting them we had a Telegram in the morning about nine or ten O'clock they would be here so at four they stoped at the door dear Aunt Lucy is very weak a poorly thing most out it is wonderful that she ever arrived here safe and alive uncle John is well but very lame and deaf it is very hard for him to hear Aunt Lucy had every thing to do in getting here dear one it makes my hand tremble to write about her but I hope in a few days she will feel stronger and better in every way dear one she is not long for this life I think. We are all well dear Mamie and Jennie went to dear Jamies for dinner but I doubt if they get a better one than we had ours was very good I thought and I did



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out sleigh riding to-day & came
home beaming. Last week
Mary Bro & Stock [illegible] [illegible]
Akron Ohio Dec 11, 1898
Harriet & Cora out for a fine
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full so must stop. Much love to all. Grace

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we do miss you
and your dear little ones so much I
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morning to write just a few lines to you
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with us in this life again O it seems it cannot
be so they must come in some time soon
dear Jaine did come so often always on
Sunday if she was able to ~~walk~~ ride if it
was only for a short call O how can I
or we let her go it is so hard for us to do
so but what a consolation to think dear
Jaine Edie and Theodore are all together this

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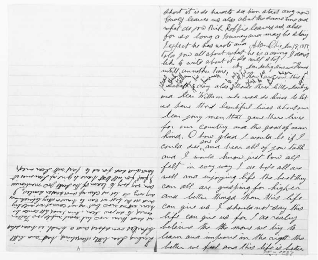
holy Sabath morning A Sabath that will never end with them all is Contentment and peace now with them. Dear Mina we will try and be ready so when we are called we can be with them never to part again then all will be well with us; Dear Mina as long as you had to go home I was very glad to learn that you arived safe and in due time I am glad when all goes well with you and yours I do hope dear Mr Edison is well and business is all right with him please tell us all and when you will be home we will let every thing be untill we hear when you will be with us we hope all of you will be here Christmass try and bring Mr Edison with you if he will come we will have all we want for Christmass I do hope he will come with you do all come if you can I hope all are well and contented with kisses and very best wishes I will close and dear Gracy will finish and tell you the news if there is any to tell. your Father and Mame went to Sunday school Gracy has gone to church the rest with kisses and good wishes I am yor loving Mother at home

Mother has written Robert and her arm is tired so she wants me to add a little to this. I am so sorry you had to leave us, and I hope Thomas Alva will be glad enough to see you to reward you for going back. We miss you terribly and the house seems very quiet and staid without you and the children. We have now to content ourselves with looking at the pictures merely. Can't you all come back for Christmas? This afternoon Doctor Haddock came in, then May & Charlie and then Ina & Cora. We were able to prevail on the last two only to remain for supper. May & Charlie had left their babies alone, I think Charlie is very nice indeed - Mary and I walked out to Jane's yesterday afternoon and stopped at May's but she was not at home. We learned to-day that they were in Cleveland doing their Christmas shopping - Does it seem possible that two weeks from to-day is the Day of the year? Mary has gone with Father and Cora to Teachers' meeting - Father says he is going to resign from the Sunday S- It seems that the Junior League is embracing all the lines covered by the Sunday School - I think that is the great trouble all through our churches there are so many different organizations. We tell him not to resign however.



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short it is so hard to see him start away now
Gracy leaves us also about the same time and
what do you think Robbie leaves us also
for so long a Journey and may be stay
I expect he has wrote and Akron Ohio Dec 18, 1918
told you all about what he is a doing I don't
like to write about it so will stop
untill another time, My dear darling Alma and Thomas
How are you this
Sabbath to day also to those three little darlings
please thank William for his kindness to us I will be so glad to see and hear from you soon
and dear William who was so kind to let
us have those beautiful lines about our
dear young men that gave there lives
for our Country and the good of man
kind. O how glad I would be if I
could see, ^saw^ and hear all of you talk
and I would know just how all
felt in every way I do hope all are
well and enjoying life the best they
can all are grasping for higher
and better things than this life
can give us I should not say this
life can give us for I do realy
believe the ~~the~~ more we try to
learn and improve in the right the
better we feel and this life is better

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Darling dear little Madeline, hat and little
Charles over shoes and a brush is here also
we send them now but wait untill your Father
comes to see you dear Mina I wish all could be
here with us now but as we cannot we will try
and do the best we can to have a merry Christmas
any way so let us cheer up and scatter smiles, I
am very sorry to learn of the deaths you mentioned
I feel for all that have to give up dear ones it
hard and sad for us to part with dear ones,

enjoyed by us in every way I feel almost sure if nothing is right hear it will not be in the next life I do hope all of us can and will try to enjoy every thing that is good and right we will try and be good and work for Jesus and let God lead that is the best and all we can do. That was dear Edward and darlings last words or advice to us let us try and do as they wished dear Jaime the little Books she sent to us expresses her wishes and desires dear one O how we do miss her in so many many ways O if I could only talk with her to day how glad I am that I can write to my dear Mina and her dear Family I do hope they are all well as usual and all will have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year and this new year that is so near will be a year of rejoicing and prosperity to rather than death and sadness but with all our sadness we have a great deal to be glad of we have our dear Husbands Edith left and a dear little Theodore and we have wishes and respect the right use of your minds and in a measure to her of our bodys so many many other things that we hardly realise now but will some time. Jane is having quite a long stay time with uncle Johns to day for some reason he feels very bad cryes all the time we do not know why we think we will take him to the Hospitable this week it may be moved we thought we could keep him hear but he seems to feel so bad we think better to take him away for a little time but Lucy is as usual and says she thinks of you every night and all the time she thinks a great deal of you sends love and very best wishes. We are all well Mamie Lucy and Johny are out with Richard to day Johny come in yesterday very unexpected but I can tell you we were glad to see him he seems well but his stay is very time seems long. Well darling I will close wishing I could write and compose a better letter to you I hope you will excuse poor letter in every way and you will please accept love kisses and very best wishes from your poor Mother kiss the little darlings and the Easers for me dear

Thanks to for so may nice Gifts